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BRITISH TROOPS PENETRATE FIVE MILES INSIDE TOBRUK DEFENCES

Many Prisoners Taken Including General: Italian Cruiser Ablaze

CAIRO, JAN. 21 (REUTER).—BRITISH PENETRATION OF BOTH THE OUTER AND INNER DEFENCES OF TOBRUK TO A DEPTH OF FIVE MILES IS ANNOUNCED IN A SPECIAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED TO-NIGHT FROM G.H.Q. AT CAIRO.

THE COMMUNIQUE READS: "SHORTLY AFTER NOON TO-DAY, IMPERIAL FORCES, ACTIVELY SUPPORTED BY THE ROYAL NAVY AND THE ROYAL AIR FORCE, SUCCESSFULLY PENETRATED BOTH THE OUTER AND INNER DEFENCES OF TOBRUK TO A DEPTH OF OVER FIVE MILES ON A BROAD FRONT.

BRITONS WARNED OF CRISIS

Urged To Evacuate Japan

TOKYO, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—Considerable anxiety was caused among foreign residents in the Tokyo and Yokohama area to-day on receipt by British residents in Yokohama of written advice from the Consul General, Mr W. McVittie, "to leave Japan by regular shipping routes before the impending crisis in Japanese-American relations comes to a head."

JAPAN'S FINANCIAL YEAR

Foreign Trade Still Grows

TOKYO, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—Japan's foreign trade continued to grow in 1940 despite the European war. The volume of commerce with nations outside the yen bloc was almost as large as in 1939.

Mr Isao Kawada, Minister of Finance, made this announcement in the House of Representatives to-day, introducing the record-breaking 6,863,000,000 yen ordinary budget.

Newspapers Suppressed

LONDON, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—Britain's leading Communist newspaper, "Daily Worker," has been suppressed by the Government under the Defence Regulations.

Another Left Wing periodical, called "The Week," is similarly suppressed.

LATEST

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PREMIER SPEAKS

Aims For Which We Fight

LONDON, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—In concentrating his efforts on the supreme task of winning the war, Mr Winston Churchill is not overlooking the problem of post-war reconstruction and is ready, "when a good opportunity presents itself," to enlarge upon the Government's war and peace aims.

The Prime Minister put his views in a nutshell in the House of Commons to-day when he said: "Most right-minded people here and abroad, especially in the United States, already fully understand the causes and principles for which we are waging war upon Nazi tyranny."

Can't Say Anything Now
"The Government is always on the lookout for any opportunity of making a statement that would help our victory and liberation, now ground down under German smoke."

One Member, Sir Stanley Reed, suggested that the Prime Minister consider definitely advising the Italian people that the British Commonwealth was under no misapprehension about the purpose for which they were being called to fight.

British Shipping Losses

LONDON, Jan. 21 (UP).—For the fifth week in succession British shipping losses were well below the weekly average since the war began.

According to the Admiralty, the list contains only nine British ships of 30,276 tons, lost due to enemy action in the week ending at midnight January 12. There were no Allied or neutral losses.

Nazis Take Control of Italian War Machine

LONDON, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—The meeting between Hitler and Mussolini took place at Berchtesgaden, according to the diplomatic correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph."

He says that for the purpose of propaganda the usual mystification was made but "I can state that the purpose of the conference was the simple one of transferring the Italian war machine to German control."

The mere fact that the meeting was held at Berchtesgaden and not at the Italo-German frontier as of old, emphasises the subservient role that Mussolini now takes. This subservience may be unpalatable to Italian pride and may be disguised in the

Attack Described

(REUTER'S) SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

CAIRO, Jan. 21. — After steadily investing the town for nearly three weeks, Britain's Army of the Nile launched an attack on Tobruk early to-day.

The blinding sandstorms that had been sweeping the desert almost continually for the past week had hampered the final stages of the operations. The troops had to force a way through yellow clouds of sand which reduced visibility sometimes to a few yards.

This offensive has been prepared as carefully as that at Bardia. Patrols have gone out nightly gathering precise information with regard to the Italian defences. They have found tank traps surrounding Tobruk so deep in places that they had to bring up ladders in order to enter and measure their size.

The outer perimeter of the defences is about 30 miles in circumference. Unlike Bardia, Tobruk has a second line of defences, with a circumference of about 11 miles. The outer circle is barbed-wire all round, presenting a formidable task for the preliminary work of destruction by our engineers.

R.A.F. Bomb Tobruk

CAIRO, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—Simultaneously with the announcement that British forces have launched an attack on Tobruk, it was announced that this Italian seaport was heavily raided by bomber aircraft of the R.A.F. during the night of January 19-20.

Several attacks, states a communiqué from R.A.F. headquarters in the Middle East, were made and direct hits were registered on marine repair shops and military barracks.

One artillery battery of four guns was silenced and many bombs fell on a camp of about 200 tents.

Anti-aircraft fire was intense but the British aircraft pressed home their attack.

British fighter patrols were active throughout yesterday but no conclusive engagement with the enemy resulted.

Catania Again Raided

A further raid was carried out on the aerodrome at Catania (Sicily) during the night of January 20-21. Seven enemy aircraft were on the ground, where two large twin-engined bombers were seen to burst into flames.

Fires started near administrative buildings were visible over 60 miles away.

Advance Into Eritrea

Italians Hard Pressed "Reuters" at British H.Q., Cairo

Jan. 21. — Imperial troops, pushing deeper into Italy's East African Colony of Eritrea were reported to-day to have reached a point some 30 miles to the east of the Kassala frontier post evacuated by the Italians on Sunday.

The retreating Italians whose strength is now revealed to be no less than two divisions, are being hard-pressed by British light-armoured units and motorised infantry.

The pursuit continues day and night across hilly and difficult country. Every effort is being made to maintain contact. Occasionally British Bren gun carriers are able to send bursts into the Italian "tail."

Running Away

The Italians are apparently withdrawing as fast as they can having covered 20 miles on the first day. Indian, Sudanese and British troops are taking part in the pursuit, it is learned.

Before their withdrawal, the Italians were strung along a 100-mile front from Omager, where the frontiers of Sudan, Eritrea and Abyssinia converge to a point 20 miles to the north-east of Kassala.

The direction of the retreat is towards Agordat, nearly 100 miles from the frontier. Agordat is the terminus of Eritrea's only railway, and the main point of communication for the frontier region with the important Red Sea port of Massawa.

Greek Guns Silence Italians

TRENCH MORTAR CORPS CAPTURED

ATHENS, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—Improvement in the weather has resulted in a heavy artillery duel in the central sector of the Albanian front from dawn throughout the day.

Greek guns silenced many enemy batteries.

Thick snow covers the mountains where fighting is proceeding, and there is a bitter cold fog. Despite the conditions, the Greeks continue to maintain the initiative and to displace the enemy from their fortified positions.

MALAYAN WAR COMMITTEE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SINGAPORE, Jan. 21 (Dome).—The creation of a Malayan War Committee was announced here to-day by the Governor, H.E. Sir Shenton Thomas, at a meeting of the Legislative Council for British Malaya and Straits Settlements. The Governor said that the new committee is composed of civilians and officials and also the chiefs of local fighting forces.

Greek-Soviet Meetings

Failure of A Mission

ISTANBUL, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—The Greek Commercial Mission returning from Moscow stated they learned from Russian political quarters that 120 Soviet divisions, normally 1,800,000 troops, have been established along the Russian-German frontier.

The delegation was unsuccessful in its effort to negotiate for the purchase of wheat and coal from Russia. The Russians, according to this source, demanded an exorbitant price for wheat and refused to deliver coal until the Greeks had handed over cash.

Large quantities of wheat and coal had recently passed through the Dardanelles on Greek ships as a result of an earlier deal.

LONDON, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—From 10.1 the Ministry of Food will be the sole purchaser of rice for importation into Britain.

VALONA'S DOCKYARD WRECKED

Punishing R.A.F. Attack

ATHENS, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—Valona was subjected to its heaviest aerial bombing attacks of the war on the night of Jan. 19 and yesterday, when heavy bombers raided the dockyard at night.

Large explosions occurred in the target area and smaller fires were also caused, but the weather was too bad for full results to be seen.

In a daylight raid on Valona, a number of high explosive bombs fell on buildings on the south jetty and shore and must have caused considerable damage.

Enemy fighters attacked but were evaded after a fifteen-minute engagement.

On the return journey, our formation attacked and damaged an enemy float plane.

Brindisi railway station was attacked but results could not be observed owing to cloud.

All our aircraft returned safely.

Shayuchung Not Occupied

Threat By Japanese

According to an official of the Chinese Maritime Customs, Shayuchung has not yet been occupied by Japanese troops.

Advice was received that the Japanese expected to attack and take over the place on Monday last, but as yet the troops have not put in an appearance.

Trade between Hongkong and Shayuchung continues and yesterday launch masters returning from the village declared that everything was quiet and normal there.

Antonescu's Troops & Iron Guards Clash

Special to the "Telegraph"

BUDAPEST, Jan. 21 (UP).—It is reported from Bucharest that street fighting broke out between the Iron Guards and troops of General Antonescu the latter killing two Iron Guards. All telephone lines to Bucharest have been cut.

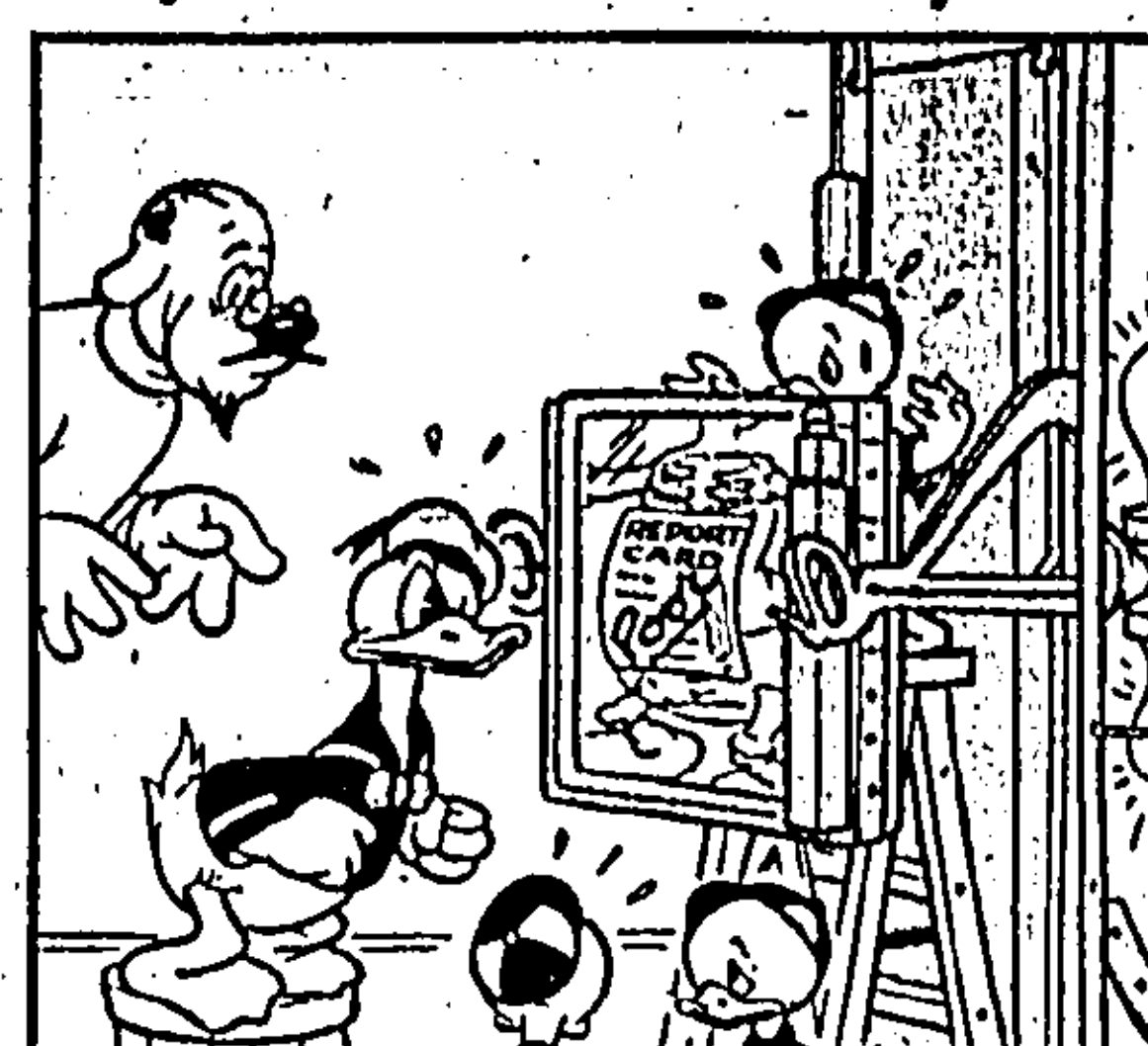
It is reported the Iron Guards erected a bier for the two members who were killed in one of the main squares where they are parading, mourning and chanting hymns of hate and revenge.

Major Disorders
NEW YORK, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—According to a Budapest telegram, major disorders which may require energetic measures by the Germans are raging throughout Rumania. They were of pro-German origin.

Described As Revolution
SOFIA, Jan. 21 (UP).—Some of the newspapers in Sofia headline the disturbances in Bucharest as "revolution in Rumania," but news agencies give only a few details in their despatches.

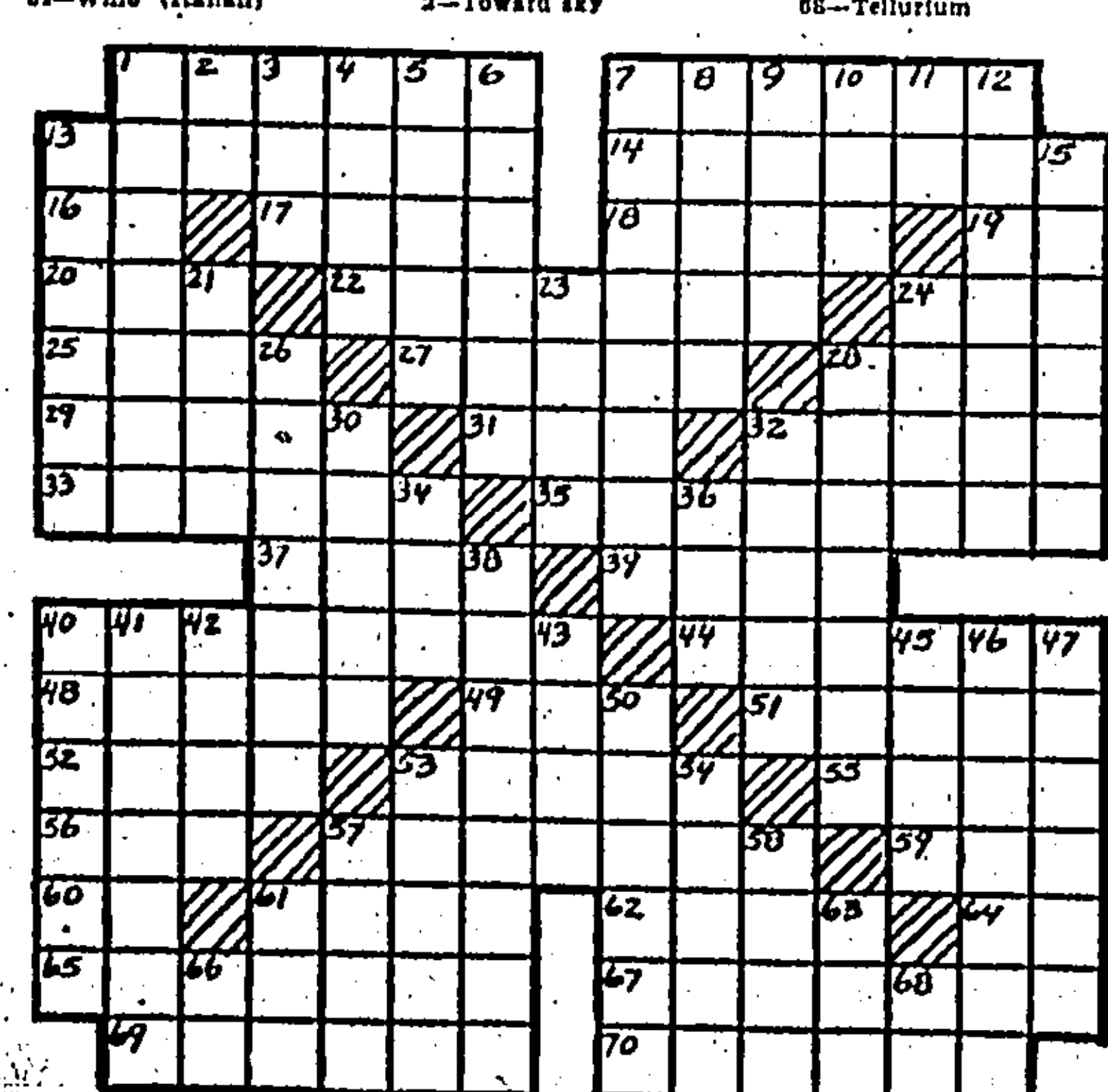
The latest reports from Bucharest state that the situation is still far from

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EVACUATION TEST CASE

A woman who regards Hongkong as her domicile and who questioned the authority of the local government to evacuate her to another country under emergency war regulations has had her answer from the highest legal authority in the Colony. To the reasonable man the judgment of the Chief Justice does seem reasonable. It was his concern to call on the weight of authorities going back hundreds of years and to dissentate on Magna Carta and Habeas Corpus.

One quotation to which he gave emphasis was that a judge cannot enter into the question of whether the regulations have, or have not, any tendency to promote the safety and defence of the realm, that being the concern of the military and administrative authorities; and that the responsibility for giving power to these authorities rested with the representatives of the people in Parliament. The Chief Justice did not entirely agree with this authority and pointed out that a regulation in Council which could not possibly aid in securing the defence of the realm, though issued under the Defence of the Realm Act, might be ultra vires. The Defence (Entry Restrictions) Regulations of 1940, he determined, are not ultra vires and Government therefore wins the case brought against it.

The plaintiff in this action automatically reverts to her former position in which she was ordered by Government to leave the Colony. It is believed that about a dozen other women who have been awaiting the result of the hearing, will also have to leave the Colony. Meanwhile those British women and children who had not complied with the original order to evacuate when the Secretary of State cabled the Government not to compel any more of them to leave, may remain in the Colony at their own risk.

It is fairly safe to assume that the whole unhappy business of whether compulsion was legal and whether discrimination was justifiable is losing itself in a spirit of frustration. Many people with families abroad want them to stay abroad; many people who encountered discrimination are glad to be back or are glad that they never left.

The ugliness of war cuts across race and sentiment, and family ties must be severed as easily as purse strings for the common cause. One wonders what the Hongkong Chinese thinks of it all. Have the sincere complaints, ventilated so freely in the Press, left a deeper impression of sympathy and understanding than the imprint of tactlessness and in-

IN the islands of the Aegean there are many little land-locked harbours which are guarded at their narrow entrance by high rocky promontories. One bright sunny day during the last war a British destroyer steamed between two of these headlands. She was met by a fusillade of rifle fire from Turks lying among the rocks only 50 yards away.

To the surprise of the enemy, they were replied to in kind. From the side of the destroyer from the scuttles and from loopholes, rifles were suddenly poked out. They opened fire. On the bridge of the

WHO SMASHED THE DUCE'S FLEET

destroyer, determined to enter and find out for himself if this harbour were a submarine base, was a young naval officer with short hair. He was a commander. His name was Andrew Browne Cunningham; and his ship was the Scorpion.

One day at Gibraltar there was the final of the tug-of-war between two battleships. The captain of one of them was sitting watching the struggle. His blue eyes twinkled and he turned to the friend beside him. "That tough, three from the end, was a stoker with me in a light cruiser two years ago." He knew the name, the rate and everything about men whom he'd commanded two years or more before. That captain with the blue eyes and hair slightly greying at the temples, who knew his men as if they were his own family, was Andrew Browne Cunningham.

The captain of a destroyer

on Mediterranean service at the beginning of 1939 once described a singular experience he had had on New Year's Day, 1939. He said he felt as if an electric shock had gone through the Mediterranean Fleet. Even the smallest units of a fleet in peacetime felt as if something had happened. No signals had been made, nothing seemed to have happened, but some-thing had. On January 1 an admiral—still with the same short figure—had hoisted his flag as Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet. His hair was slightly greyer than when we first met him and his name was—Andrew Browne Cunningham.



ADMIRAL SIR ANDREW BROWNE CUNNINGHAM

mand, the Mediterranean Fleet. "Andrew B."—hard to the slackers, loved by those who could work hard—but always a legend. Look at his qualifications: courage, experience, high responsibility—he has always had the first, he learns from the second, he has never shirked, but has welcomed, the last.

When Collingwood was commanding the Mediterranean Fleet after Nelson's death he wrote to his wife:

"Tell me, how do the trees which I planted thrive? Is there shade under the three oaks for a comfortable summer seat? Do the poplars grow at the walk, and does

the wall of the terrace stand firm?"

There is an old house in Hampshire. It looks out across a lawn at the ruins of the palace built in 1129 by King Stephen for his brother. Bishop Blois of Winchester (the Danes had sacked and burned the village only a hundred years before). Henry II. sat there to discuss ways and means for the Third Crusade. Richard Coeur de Lion feasted there and celebrated his ransom while wondering how to pay back the Jews. One day before he felt for Agincourt Henry V. wrote in a letter there. William of the Wykeham died there. Commonwealth Irregulars laid siege to it and a Heinkel, the just the other day, dropped a bomb beside its fishpond. That house has been a part of our history. It still is. It is the home of Admiral Sir Andrew Browne Cunningham, K.C.B., D.S.O.

John Knott

RAIDS LESSEN CRIME

Number Lowest
Since War

The number of serious crimes reported to Scotland Yard during the past three months is the lowest since the war began. The blackout, increased street patrols and the danger of operating during air raids appear to have put the professional criminal out of business.

Confidence tricksters and other specialised crooks have disappeared. Looting and pilfering after air raids, carried out mostly by youths, has, however, increased. Drastic measures are being taken by the authorities and Scotland Yard to stamp out this war-time crime.

Provincial crime has also reached a low level. Scotland Yard's fingerprint department, which before the war dealt with hundreds of provincial inquiries daily, is now receiving only a small number each week. Several senior detectives at Scotland Yard have been transferred to assist in compiling reports of London air raids.

efficiency which these revelations must undoubtedly have borne into their minds?

It cannot be pretended that we are governed by the elected representatives of the people of Hongkong; nor, without cutting adrift from authority could we protect ourselves, physically or economically. It would seem possible however, that the Home Government could safely give local opinion a bigger say in an affair which affects us so intimately as evacuation.

America Should Act Now in Martinique

By Rear Admiral Yates Stirling Jnr., U.S.N. (retired)

UNITED PRESS NAVAL EXPERT

NEW YORK, Jan. 21 (UP).—The situation involving the Vichy-controlled island of Martinique, in the West Indies, is one which the United States cannot afford to ignore.

Here is something that will not improve if left alone. It will grow steadily worse.

In Martinique are the aircraft carrier Bearn, 100 American-built warplanes, and several French cruisers. We know that the French naval forces there are loyal to the Vichy government. We know only too well that the power in control at Martinique—and at the nearby Isle of Guadeloupe—will be Nazi, if it is not already so.

There is undoubtedly a large fifth column of Germans in these islands. German pilots conceivably could be smuggled into Martinique to man those American-built planes, which used as divebombers, could commit great havoc upon the Panama Canal.

Three fast tankers are said to have been in Martinique recently. These probably were German. Martinique is an ideal base for German submarines. They may be, even now, on their way to operate from there, and might carry plane pilots from Germany.

NOW IS THE TIME

The time for the United States to act is immediately—right now.

If the American navy should demand surrender of the French ships we must expect the French to fight. The fight might be only to the extent of saving the Frenchmen's honour. We have enough warships and planes, together with our marines, to take the islands.

We might find that, after a face-saving fight to ensure the safety of relatives in France from reprisals by Germany, the French would surrender their vessels to be interned in U. S. ports.

Social conditions on Martinique, incidentally, are said to be in a bad fix. A little hunger might precipitate a revolt. Then America would have an unquestionable reason to intervene. We could not countenance a revolution there at a critical time.

The French ships might attempt to escape in event of a revolt. Our navy certainly should not allow that to happen.

"ATTACHMENT" FOR DEBT

One possible course of action would be the imposition of an "attachment" on the islands of Guadeloupe and Martinique, covering the warships, planes, and \$200,000,000 in gold there, as surety for the French debt to the United States. That debt was considered more or less safe before France fell to Germany, but now it is lost unless we take action to preserve it.

The "attachment" proceeding could not be settled in any court. It would have to be honoured through physical action by U. S. armed strength.

We should not allow either the planes or the gold to be taken away by the Vichy-controlled French.

That gold has a purchasing value for war materials that would benefit not France but Germany.

MUST FACE THE ISSUE

We must prepare a definite plan for Martinique, even if it means British colonies in fighting the war. As a peaceful nation we are inclined to temporise, but we must face the facts as they really are.

President Roosevelt is said to be planning a defence inspection trip and it has been hinted that he might go to the West Indies.

If he does, it is conceivable that he might consult with Army and Navy leaders in that area to outline a plan whereby the Martinique situation will be cleared up. As Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy, he is well within his rights to act in whatever manner he sees fit for the best interests of the defence of the United States.

The idea of our buying British islands in the Western Hemisphere in case Britain's money resources are drained, and the question of whether we are to continue help to Great Britain seem, to me, far-fetched.

Are we not already committed, lock, stock and barrel, to co-operation with Britain and the defeat of Hitler? If so, then everything we have should go into the pot.

AID FOR BRITAIN

With the bases already leased to us by Britain finally fortified and in operation, the United States will have plenty of defence points, without taking on new ones. And if Britain wins the war, most likely the United States and her great fleet will be conceded the right to make this hemisphere safe.

It does not seem timely or appropriate for us to demand British colonies to insure being paid for helping ourselves.

If Britain should go down in defeat, furthermore, surely her colonies, like Canada, would join with the United States in fighting the war.

But if we are to be so mercenary as to object to saving our own hides unless the money is on the barrel-head we could do this—place an estimate on the monetary value of all British colonies in the hemisphere, and whatever the total comes to make a memorandum that Britain is good for that many million, or billion, dollars.

LABOUR DEBATE

Britain Not Doing Her Utmost

LONDON, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—The debate in the House of Commons following Mr. Ernest Bevin's speech revealed the current opinion that everything possible was still not being done to expedite the war effort and that there should be a greater measure of compulsion on all parties to contribute a larger measure of compulsion on all measure of labour.

This is a principle which Mr. Bevin has been opposing as unnecessary.

There is difference of opinion inside the Labour movement on the issue as shown by the speech by the former Labour Minister, Mr. Stirling, who declared, "We need not be afraid of drastic, even revolutionary, methods in this country." He contended that the hopes that the last change of Government would preface a new and unified policy of comprehensive planning and complete co-ordination of the national effort had not materialised.

FOUR KILLED IN EXPLOSION

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Jan. 21 (UP).—The Ministry of Supply announced that four persons were killed in an explosion at a Scottish arms factory this afternoon. Property damage was slight.

Delhi Conference

LONDON, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—Valuable and far-reaching recommendations of the Delhi Conference are being dealt with in consultation between the British Government and other governments concerned, declared Mr. L. S. Amery, Secretary for India, in reply to a question in the House of Commons to-day.

TRAWLERS SUNK

LONDON, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—Two trawlers *Manx Prince* and *Refundo*, have been sunk, states an Admiralty communiqué. There was no loss of life in the *Manx Prince* but there were casualties in the *Refundo*.



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Y.M.C.A. PRODUCTION OF SHAKESPEARE



The cast of the Y.M.C.A. production of Shakespeare's comedy, "Twelfth Night," as they appear in the finale. The presentation will be continued with a matinee this afternoon, and two performances on Friday and Saturday, at 9.15 p.m. (Photo: Ming Yuen)

Japanese War Chief Reports On Third Year Of China War

Special to the "Telegraph"

TOKYO, Jan. 21 (Domei).—Reporting to the Diet on the developments of the China campaign during the past year, the War Minister, Lieut-General Hideki Tojo, declared that Chinese resistance was characterised by "lack of initiative and passiveness."

The Chinese failed to make any general counter-offensive excepting at the end of the winter offensive launched at the end of 1939 and the comparatively spirited sorties of the Communist forces in North China in August.

Attributing the sustained defensive taken by the Chinese under Chiang Kai-shek to a "decline in fighting strength," the War Minister pointed out that the Japanese forces have continued "positive and vigorous" operations in various areas.

The major blows dealt were the capture of Ichang, the joint bombing attacks against the interior Chinese bases by the Army air forces with the naval air forces, the entry of military forces into French Indo-China and the interruption of Chinese supply routes.

North China

Referring to the operations in North China, the War Minister pointed out that from April to the end of June the Japanese inflicted severe defeats upon the Chinese Central Army forces in southern Shansi in the Chinese First War Zone while from the end of August to September they successfully repulsed the sorties of the Communist forces.

From October to December the Japanese forces also carried out a series of "clean-up" campaigns against the Communist forces and their bases in the borders of Honan, Chahar, Shansi and Shensi Provinces.

In Central China, the Japanese carried out the Ichang drive from May to the beginning of July, defeating about 50 Chinese divisions totalling 470,000 troops, making the Chinese abandon about 60,000 dead and capturing 13,000 rifles. The capture of Ichang resulted in the further advance inland of the Japanese air bases, facilitating effective bombardment of Chungking and increasing the difficulties attending the transport of war materials by the Chinese.

South of Yangtze

During October the Japanese forces carried out operations south of the Yangtze and routed about 200,000 Chinese troops west of Hangchow, frustrating the Chinese plan to disturb the lower Yangtze delta.

In South China the Japanese forces opened near Leungkow north of Canton to facilitate the Japanese operation in the Ichang area in May and June, while advancing on Indo-China border in late June the Japanese forces completely cut off the supply route for the Chiang Kai-shek regime from there.

On September 23, the Japanese forces entered northern Indo-China under the terms of the arrangement concluded in Tokyo on August 30 and on the spot on September 22, and thus completed the interruption of supply routes to Chungking from the French colony.

Admitting the presence of defeated Chinese troops in various parts and the growth in strength of the Communist forces, the War Minister pledged that the Army will continue relentless operations in future side by side with the efforts to pacify the Chinese masses and stabilise the occupied areas.

Chungking Conditions

Referring to the internal conditions in Chungking, the War Minister asserted that the Chinese have lost 80 to 90 per cent of customs duties, salt rations and consolidated taxes which formerly accounted for the main sources of revenue. The index figure of commodity prices on the basis of 100 prior to the conflict in January, 1940, showed 335 but in November of the same year rose to 830.

As the Communist troops increased their strength over the preceding year, the internal strife between the Chungking and the Communist forces grew in intensity recently. The Chiang Kai-shek regime is still adhering to resistance, overestimating the aid from third Powers and hoping for increased aid in future.

The War Minister said that the Chinese still fail to understand Japan's national policy and spirit, believing that Japan will imminently suffer political or economic disruption from within.

Kennedy & Lend and Lease Bill

Opposes Measure But Has No Alternative Plan

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (UP).

At the hearings before the House Foreign Affairs Committee to-day, Mr. Joseph Kennedy, former United States Ambassador to Britain said: "I am against the Bill in its present form," but when asked if he had any changes to suggest he declared: "If I had, I would be glad to state them." He said that powers to speed up national defence were "absolutely necessary."

Mr. Kennedy suggested a small Congressional Committee to work with President Roosevelt on aid to Britain, advocated a time limit on the lend and lease powers, and also to limit the amount of money to be expended.

War Inevitable, If—

He told Representative George Tinkham that war would be inevitable if the United States sends any units to fight for Britain, conveys ships or has a ship blown up. He said he did not believe the Bill gave the President blank cheque powers. He summarized his stand to give "utmost aid to Britain because it is to our own best interests."

Asked if England had been faced with a crisis since September 1939, Mr. Kennedy said: "If by crisis you mean that England could fall within 60 or 90 days, I do not know on what that could be based. But the situation has been very critical since the fall of France."

Nazi Blunder

He said he did not understand why the Germans permitted the withdrawal from Dunkirk. "If the Germans have the strength to assume command of the air, a crisis might come at any moment, but it is not indicated that they have that strength."

He said that the British balloon barrage and anti-aircraft batteries were never very effective.

When asked if there was any possibility of the British beating the Axis Powers, he said: "Entirely from numbers. I do not see how 1,500,000 men can drive 6,000,000 men who are armed to the teeth from any place, unless there is a revolution."

Britain Divided On Issue

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—A statement that Britain's leadership was divided on the question of the advisability of the United States becoming an active participant in the war was made by Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy, former American Ambassador in London.

Mr. Kennedy was testifying before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives on President Roosevelt's bill for helping the democracies.

Replying to questions, Mr. Kennedy said that some members of the British Government felt that if the United States entered the war, it would "find a way to carry it through." Others believed that entry of the United States would be to the detriment of Britain's war effort because it would slow down the flow of material aid from America.

"There is no unanimity on the question," declared Mr. Kennedy, who added that many people in the British Government felt that they were not yet getting all the aid that

Bomber Fund Raffle

More Prizes Donated

Prizes donated yesterday afternoon for the Bomber Fund raffle were as follows:

Ten Prizes: One ton of Household Coal each, delivered free to winners. Donated by John Manners & Co., Ltd. One 15-foot canoe and paddles. Donated by A. King Slipway.

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they might normally expect from the United States.

Things Not Understood

Asked whether he expected a crisis to develop in the next 60 or 70 days, Mr. Kennedy said that he did not know exactly what that meant and that there were many things in the military situation he did not understand. For example, he never understood why the German Army "permitted the British Army of 300,000 to escape from Dunkirk."

If the German air force was as strong as it claimed to be, Mr. Kennedy thought it should have had a perfect chance to annihilate the British force. He did not understand why the Germans had not wrought greater destruction on Britain's industrial centres.

Mr. Kennedy continued: "If they have the strength to capture the air, a crisis might come any day. So far they have not indicated that they have that strength."

Asked whether he knew the British war aims, Mr. Kennedy replied that he certainly did not.

Nature Of War Aims

The questioner, Representative Hamilton Fish, then asked whether Mr. Kennedy thought that something ought to be done to let the United States know the nature of these aims before further aid for Britain was proceeded with, Mr. Kennedy said that he did not understand the question and suggested that it was one for the State Department.

Mr. Kennedy declared that "some people at the top in Britain felt that they were not getting the kind of help that they would expect from the United States."

Mr. Fish asked whether it was fair to the British people "for us to intimate" that the United States might be in a possible continental invasion. Mr. Kennedy replied, "I don't believe that we have ever done that officially."

Mr. Fish asked if there was any truth in the reports that Britain was "going Socialist." Mr. Kennedy said that the Labour and Socialist parties were becoming more important. He added that nobody had the right to assume that conditions would ever go back to what they were.

Chess

Draw For Colony Open Championship

THE DRAW, round by round, for the Colony Open Chess Championship Tournament (1941) has been announced as follows:—

Tues. Feb. 4:—D. E. de Carvalho v. C. M. Sequeira; G. S. Coxhead v. E. Zimmermann; L. Karpovich v. K. Weiss.

Thurs. Feb. 6:—Zimmermann v. Carvalho; Karpovich v. Sequeira; Weiss v. Coxhead.

Tues. Feb. 11:—Carvalho v. Weiss; Sequeira v. Zimmermann; Coxhead v. Karpovich.

Thurs. Feb. 13:—Coxhead v. Carvalho; Weiss v. Sequeira; Zimmermann v. Karpovich.

Tues. Feb. 18:—Carvalho v. Karpovich; Sequeira v. Coxhead; Zimmermann v. Weiss.

Thurs. Feb. 20:—Sequeira v. Carvalho; Zimmermann v. Coxhead; Weiss v. Karpovich.

Tues. Feb. 25:—Carvalho v. Zimmermann; Sequeira v. Karpovich; Coxhead v. Weiss.

Thurs. Feb. 27:—Weiss v. Carvalho; Zimmermann v. Sequeira; Karpovich v. Coxhead.

Tues. March 4:—Carvalho v. Coxhead; Sequeira v. Weiss; Karpovich v. Zimmermann.

Thurs. March 6:—Karpovich v. Carvalho; Coxhead v. Sequeira; Weiss v. Zimmermann.

Basketball

U.S.S. Tulsa Seek Matches With Local Teams

U. S. S. Tulsa's Basketball squad are straining at the leash for a few friendly tilts before the local League gets under way, and will be more than grateful if any local quintette will arrange practice games during the next two weeks.

The gunboat will be in port until about February 3 and further information may be obtained from Schuyler Norton, U. S. S. Tulsa, care of the American Consulate.

A tentative line-up of the "Mighty 'T's" eagles are: centre, Schuyler Norton; forwards, Fawcett Myers and "Oink" Gull; guards "Yeehee" Evans and "Oco" Hoffmann. Others are Lefty Stockton, Tex (Chill) Pleker, Richardson, R. E. Golden and Willard Riddle.

Club Cricket Teams

The following will represent Hongkong Cricket Club against Kowloon Cricket Club on January 27 and 28 at 11 a.m. on each day, at Chater Road: H. Owen-Hughes, T. R. Rids, Major D. C. Pearce, J. A. Pearce, 2/Lieut. J. L. C. Pearce, D. McCallan, F. Baker, J. C. Knight, A. E. Perry, D. I. Bosanquet and R. H. Griffiths.

SECOND XI

The following will represent Hongkong Cricket Club second eleven against the Police on Saturday, at Chater Road at 2 p.m.: C. W. E. Bishop (Capt.), N. D. Booker, G. P. Carter, H. T. A. Pearce, D. G. Parsons, D. S. Robb, H. J. Armstrong, G. P. Chatterton, W. G. Fennie, I. P. Tamworth and E. W. Pudney.

No Flower Show To Be Held

It is learned that at a meeting of the Committee of the Hongkong Horticultural Society it has been decided that there be no Flower and Vegetable Show this year, owing to adverse conditions largely brought about by the war.

No site for the show easy of access is available, as in past years, and with the evacuation of large numbers of women and children from the Colony the potential attendance has been greatly reduced. Costs of erecting matchstands are another consideration, and it is estimated that expenses would be more than double those of the previous show. Under the circumstances it has been unanimously decided that the Society should not attempt to stage a show this year.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday says.

The usual daily enquiries continue resulting in a good turnover, and higher prices paid for Wharves, Providents and Electrics.

Buyers	
H.K. Banks	\$1,395
Canton Ins.	\$210
Union Ins.	\$405
H.K. Fire Ins.	\$165
Docks	"O" \$18.50
Providents	\$5.70
Hotels	\$3.55
Realities	\$3.75
Lights X Rts	\$0.30
Electrics "O"	\$40.50
Electrics "N"	\$40.25
Telephones "O"	\$25.25
Watsons	\$10.00
Entertainments	\$7
Constructions "O"	\$1.30
Sellers	
H.K. Banks	\$1,410
Providents	\$5.80
Star Ferries	\$0.4
Electrics "O"	\$41
Electrics "N"	\$40.75
Cements	\$18
Ropes	\$8.35
Watsons	\$11
Vibro Piling	\$7.70
Sales	
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan (1034)	02.25
Wharves	\$0.8
Docks	"O" \$18.55
Provident	\$5.75
Lands	\$34.50
Star Ferries	\$0.50
Lights Rts.	\$0.75
Electrics "O"	\$40.75
Electrics "N"	\$40.50
Cements	\$18
Watsons	\$11

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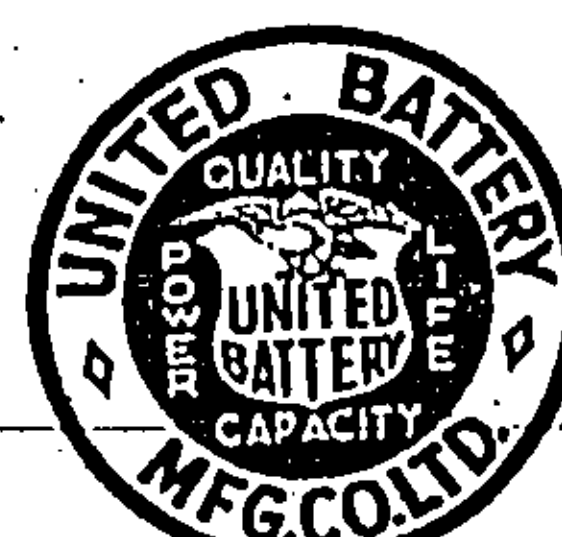


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Around The Courses

Playing Conditions Improved

Why Blame The Lie?

Return Match Between Kowloon and Country Club

(By "Birdie")

THE BREAK in the weather at Fanling and Sheungshui on Sunday was welcome to golfers, and several of the competitions there were able to get under way. The benefit of the fall was found on the greens, which, even the sand ones at the Country Club, were very playable.

First round matches of the Captain's Cup and the Men's Foursomes, and the final of the Women's Championship were played at the Country Club, while the first round matches of the Junior Championship were settled at the R.H.K.G.C.

The Kowloon Golf Club course is one that takes more favourably to rain, by which of course, I don't mean the stuff that fell last year. New bunkers are going up around the short 2nd, forcing a player to pitch on the green to avoid trouble.

Bunkers around greens are the only means of teaching people to play approach shots correctly, and at Kowloon there is very little danger of over-running once one lands on them.

Playing on this course on Saturday last, one of the members found his ball "plugged". He complained and there lifted—though I don't think there is a penalty—and continued.

This reminds me of a story I heard of Joe Kirkwood during one of his exhibition games in England. He was showing that it was not the lie that counted but the method of playing.

To demonstrate, he stamped his ball into the soft turf, and then with his brassie ploughed through that turf, lifting a sizeable divot, and knocked the ball quite some distance.

In further elaboration of this—that the player is at fault and not the lie—Dick Metz in a tournament in America last year played what was called "the shot of the year" when his ball had become deeply imbedded in a bank behind one of the greens.

He looked through that bank to lift out his ball and place it within two feet of the pin.

These are, of course, isolated shots, but they do show that several balls that are generally deemed "unplayable" are really playable.

OWING to the rain that prevented the playing of the Captain's Cup and the Men's Foursomes first round matches at the Country Club on the scheduled date, the annual President v. Captain's match which was to have been held this Sunday had been postponed until later in the year.

The second round matches of these competitions, which should have been played last Sunday, will be played this week-end.

Miss A. Sequerra established definite superiority over Mrs. F. E. A. Remedios when she won the women's championship of the Country Club by 3 and 1 last Sunday. They met

Kotewall Cup Match To-day Postponed

The Kotewall Cup football match between Navy and Army, which was to have been played at Caroline Hill this afternoon at 4 p.m., has been postponed as Navy are unable to field a side.

previously in the Ladies Cup final, which was also won by Miss Sequerra.

Mrs. A. J. Kew, last year's champion, was not defending her title.

THE return match between Kowloon and the Country Club has been fixed for Sunday, March 30. It is unfortunate that the morning of that date is taken up with firing on the Kowloon ranges, and, therefore, singles matches will not be included.

Lunch at the Kowloon Club and four-balls in the afternoon is the programme, and a real enjoyable time is anticipated.

STARTING times, which had hitherto been found unnecessary in the comparative smallness of the Country Club, were inaugurated last Sunday, and as a solution to congestion they were admirable. One or two minor difficulties cropped up, but they were dealt with satisfactorily.

There was the question of what should be done to a match player who turns up late. On strict lettering, the opponent is entitled to claim a walk-over, but when the difference is only a few minutes it is not considered—but their starting time has been lost. Where do they fit in?

For the purposes of matches, it is ruled that provided other players are not pushed back, the match players may take over the first available space in the list. Normally, of course, the defaulting players would have to take their turn at the end of the list.



Catcher C. Motta, of the Wildcats, swinging round on a low one. M. Campos, receiving for the Recs. Hal Winglee calling behind the plate.—Ming Yuen.

Home Soccer

Fixtures For Saturday

LONDON, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—The following are the football fixtures for Saturday, January 25:

LONDON CUP

Chelsea v. Brentford; Crystal Palace v. Fulham; Queen's Park v. Aldershot; Clapton O. v. Reading; Tottenham v. Millwall; Westham v. Arsenal.

LEAGUE—SOUTH

Portsmouth v. Bournemouth; Southampton v. Brighton; Watford v. Southampton.

MIDLAND CUP

Luton v. Northampton; Mansfield v. Lincoln; Notts F. v. Leicester; Walsall v. West Brom.

COMBINED COUNTIES CUP

Semi-final

Leeds v. Huddersfield.

LANCASHIRE CUP

Blackpool v. Manchester City; Burnley v. Everton; Manchester U. v. Bolton; New Brighton v. Chester.

NORTH REGIONAL

Barnsley v. Bradford City; Chesterfield v. Middlesbrough; Doncaster v. Rotherham; Liverpool v. Oldham; Newcastle v. Sheffield Wed.; Rochdale v. Crewe; Stockport v. Southport; York v. Hull.

SOUTH REGIONAL

Cardiff v. Swansea; Stoke v. Notts C.

OTHER MATCH.

Scottish F. A. v. Army XI.

Hockey

Trials To Select Team To Meet Macao

An interport hockey trial to select Hongkong's team to meet Macao in Macao in February will be held on the Club ground, King's Park, on Saturday at 3.30 p.m. Following are the teams:

Colours.—V. M. Benwell (Y.M.C.A.); V. Bond (Club); Croston (Engineers); M. H. Isaac (Khalsa); W. A. Reed (Club); N. B. Whitley (Club); Tojia Singh (Police); T. S. D. Whitley (Club); Cpl Ritchie (Royal Scots); J. F. Fonesca (Recreio); W. Brown (Police); Whittles—U. B. Souza (Khalsa); A. M. Xavier (Nemada); J. P. F. (Police); T. Alves (Recreio); Cpl. Woods (Rajputana Rifles); D. McLeish (Club); Sarwan Singh (Police); L. C. Shaw (Engineers); Gurbachan Singh (Khalsa); M. Akram (Punjab); Lieut. J. Ross (Punjab).

The following are also requested to attend.—E. Fowler (C.I.A.), Jasbir Singh (Police); R. Marques (Recreio); Sgt. Waldron (Middlesex); D. J. Bickford (Club); J. Gonzalez (Recreio); R. J. Reed (Nemada); Capt. Kampta Parash (Punjab).

Selection
Following the trial, 15 players will be selected and the Colony's team will be chosen on the date of the match from these. Several practice matches for these 15 players will be arranged. The first will take place on Tuesday on the Club ground at 2.30 p.m. against a team yet to be nominated.

The Selection Committee have not yet been informed by the Army Sports Board whether Army players will be able to make the trip but the Committee have every reason to believe that the Sports Board will make known its decision before Saturday.

Members of the Selection Committee are Lieut. J. P. Gunner (Royal Navy), Capt. Cartwright-Taylor (Royal Engineers), K. Hussain (Civilians), V. M. Benwell (Hon. Secretary).

Snooker Match

A friendly snooker match will be held between Kowloon Police and Royal Army Medical Corps, the Army team Billiards Champions at the Water Police Station at 8 p.m. on Sunday. Police will be represented by Sub-Insp. Bradwell and Sergeant Pilo, Pope, Matches, Johnston and Haynes.

Wildcats' Sixth Inning Rally Defeats Recreio Ramblarettes

Wahoos White-wash Las Florinhas To Stay In Pennant Race

(By "Ball Fan")

Games, scheduled in the men's section of the local softball leagues were curtailed considerably for the second successive week-end as Hongkong's winter liquid sunshine put in its drizzly appearance over the Kowloon ball park.

Three tilts were played in the Ladies League before the avalanche of raindrops came down, with Doc Molten's Red Bird Cardinals eking out a 14-13 win over Baby Panthers in a spotlighted rip-roaring battle for an upper mid-section berth.

Daddy Sousa's Liga ball-chasers went down fighting after ten innings to the strong R.A.F. skyriders 8-7, while Recreio Bees hung the old "sting" sign on Royal Engineers 11-6. Canadian Chinese lassies held V. Marques' Standard Oil stars to a 7 all draw in a tough exhibition game.

Nip Lum's star-studded Wildcats, scenting the Ladies Major championship in the near distant, overwhelmed a weakened Recreio nine 21-0 behind the steady hurrying of Thelma Colance.

For five innings the Recreio femmes battled the all-star felines run-for-run, but weakened terribly in the sixth when the Wildcat power brigade broke loose with a desperate thirteen run surge, clinching the issue beyond doubt. The powerful willow-clubbing of the four Mar sisters from El Paso, who made eight of the winners twelve hits, featured this struggle which sent "Michaelmas" Mendonca's cuties to the cleaners with their eighth loss of the year.

Shut-out Victory

"CONTROL" ball! Terry Noronha added the word perfect to her offerings out at the ball park on Sunday morning, when she led her Wahoos rangers to a 10-0 shut-out victory over Las Florinhas tottering daisies, to stay within striking distance of the league leaders.

The green-shirted Owls merely breezed home, behind their steady snib finger, in chalking up their ninth win. Rookie second baseman S. Castro played bang-up ball for the winners with Jackie Anderson, stellar backstop ball-collector also sharing the starry role.

Nosed Out

DOC Molten's fighting Cardinal headed closer to the selected division in the girls loop when they slammed through to a Meritwell win over Xavier's Baby Panthers 14-13. Effie Babida, Red Bird mound ace, playing with a painful leg injury, weakened in the last two frames, to watch eight Panther jallies cross the old slatter, but

Sunday's Stars

LILY Mar and Irene Pereira. Lily Wildcats—Former led the attack with a homer, double and single, while latter made a sensational stab of M. Fluericio's short fly in the fifth.

Terry Noronha and S. Castro. Wahoos—Terry's effective pitching shut out the flower girls with one hit; latter drove in three runs on two timely hits with the willow-wand.

Effie Babida and Betty Fitzgerald. Cardinals—Former hurled stellar ball in spite of a painful leg injury; Betty's four clouts in five trips gave winners the necessary clutch finish.

Mary N. Canuckettes and V. Marques. Standard Oilers—Former struck out eight Oilers in a stellar mound performance while latter played heady ball in their game with the Maple Leaf lassies.

came through in the clutch to stave off the rally. Betty Fitzgerald, slugging shortstop, paced the winner with four bingles, while Grandma Hutchison, astute third baseman brought in two runs with heavy willow-banging.

Junior Section

PLAYING with only seven ball-chasers, Daddy Sousa's Liga gang crumbled before the dive-bombing hits of the R.A.F. line-up in a ten inning Junior loop game. Recreio Bees retained their hold on fourth place with an 11-6 win over the subway-dwelling Royal Engineers.

Exhibition

IN an exhibition game at Marina, the Maple Leaf Canuckettes tied over Xavier's Baby Panthers 14-13. V. Marques' Socony Oilers in a "dingho" contest. The Oilers found trouble in connecting with Mary Ng's offerings, while Mavis Chang, petite fielder, covered the left side now pastures in DIMaggio style.

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NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



Colony's Centenary Discussed

London, Jan. 21. A proper regard for Chinese susceptibilities, which have been rendered particularly acute because of the Japanese aggression, has prevented the British authorities in Hongkong from celebrating the centenary of its session to Britain, writes The Times to-day, commenting on the fact that the occupation of Hongkong is 100 years old this week.

The paper discusses the strategic and commercial importance of Hongkong, its pioneer work in education, its social experiments etc., and continues to say that not one of the least advantages which China has gained in recent years is the security that the Pax Britannica offers victims of foreign aggression or civil strife who are forced to abandon their homes.

"At present, nearly 300,000 refugees from Japanese occupied China have sought safety there, and in recent years past, a great number of fugitives from political persecution or social anarchy have sought its hospital shores. A hundred years of British rule have converted the desolate rock and the haunt of pirates of 1842 into an Imperial fortress and famous port kindly city refuge from violence and injustice."—Reuter.

Londoners Storm Market For Eggs

A queue a quarter of a mile long formed at a Woolwich market recently when it became known that a dealer had English eggs for sale. The dealer, who appeared to have an ample stock, sold the eggs at four-pence each.

Supplies of fresh eggs had not been sufficient recently to fill the demand, although they were not rationed. Only cold-storage eggs had been generally available.

Japanese Detain Cargo Ship

Marion Taken Up To Swabue

The Japanese have seized the 1,300-ton Panama freighter Marion, which sailed from Hongkong some weeks ago for Sullung with a cargo of cotton yarn and piece goods according to Chinese members of the crew who have reached the Colony after being released.

After discharging her cargo at Sullung, which is about one day's sail south from Hongkong, the freighter was detained for a week by a Japanese warship. When stopped the Marion was in ballast. She was then escorted up the Chinn coast to Swabue, where some of the Chinese members of the crew were put ashore in a sampin.

Members of the crew state that the Norwegian master is still on board and that the ship has been taken to Formosa.

The registered owners of the ship, Messrs Wallen & Co., said yesterday that they had no information regarding the whereabouts of the ship and her disappearance was a mystery to them. They said the Panama Consul in Hongkong was making protests to the Japanese.

The Marion was chartered by Hongkong interests. Another Hongkong ship the Portuguese freighter Anjou, 500 tons, has also been detained and probably seized by the Japanese, shipping circles revealed yesterday.

It will be recalled that the British freighter Sagres, which was seized by the Japanese off the Fukien coast, has not yet been released.

Shipping circles in Hongkong said yesterday that they were becoming alarmed at the increasing number of seizures of foreign ships by the Japanese.

MARINA BROADCASTS

London, Jan. 21. The Duchess of Kent made her first broadcast last night when she spoke of the work of the women of the Royal Naval Reserve.—Reuter.

RIOTS IN RUMANIA

Rustchuk, Jan. 21. It is reliably reported from Bucharest that several people were killed by bombs there on Monday night in a disturbance resulting from a difference between the radical and moderate wings of the Iron Guard.

Those dead are reported to include at least one civilian, several soldiers and a foreign army officer. Reliable sources described the disturbances as serious.

It is believed that the outbreak resulted from dissatisfaction of Legionary extremists, who claim that the moderates have not carried out the Codreanu reforms.

At the same time it is reported that some German troops concentrated on the Danube and northern Dobrudja will be withdrawn and sent, it is believed, to the Yugo-Slav frontier, possibly also to Bucharest, in view of reports of the disturbances.

Only official telephone calls are permitted between Bucharest and Bulgaria.

Radio Ankara says news has reached Sofia that Communists at Bucharest attempted to overthrow the Iron Guards. Many Germans were killed. Serious clashes are occurring and the rebellion continues.

It is announced in Berlin that a German officer was assassinated in the rising. He was killed by revolver shots fired by a foreigner who has been arrested.

The Rumanian Government has ordered an investigation.—United Press.

One German Arrested

London, Jan. 21. Messages from Sofia report serious clashes in Rumania between Communists, dissident Iron Guards, the present regime and Germans in Rumania.

Clashes all over the country are continuing. There has been a number of casualties, including one member

Donations To War Fund

A total of \$1,540,097.44 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., with the following donations:

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Anonymous	10
Mrs. L. N. Windfield (monthly donation)	10

ALL FOR WAR WORK

BRITISH MEN AND WOMEN TO BE REGISTERED

London, Jan. 21. The Minister for Labour, Mr. Ernest Bevin, announced in the Commons to-day a drastic plan to register men and women of working age for war work and transfer them from non-essential occupations to war industry.

He said the transfer would be largely effected voluntarily, but insisted the use of compulsion if necessary.—United Press.

of the German Mission now in Rumania.—Reuter.

Train Service Suspended

Sofia, Jan. 21. Bulgaria yesterday suspended seven local railway services in north Bulgaria, due to lack of coal. No through or express trains are affected. Informers explain that such a restriction is normal in Bulgaria at this time of the year.—United Press.

Portuguese Funeral Service

Mrs Sylvia Ferreira, wife of Mr A. F. Ferreira and an esteemed member of the Portuguese community, died at the Queen Mary Hospital on Monday at the age of 42. Apart from her husband, she is survived by her step-father, Mr P. A. Cordeiro, her mother, Mrs Cordeiro, several children, two brothers, Messrs J. M. and C. L. Pinna, and two sisters, Mrs H. White and Miss Rosie Pinna.

The late Mrs Ferreira was born and educated in Hongkong.

Yesterday, relatives and friends of the family gathered at the funeral parlour of Messrs John Anderson, undertakers, in Causeway Bay, prior to the funeral cortege leaving for the Roman Catholic Cemetery.

The Rev. Fr. H. de Angelis conducted the service in the chapel of the Cemetery and by the graveside.

Those who attended the funeral included Mrs A. Hew, Mrs I. Brown, Mrs C. A. Yelle, Mrs D. Laurel, Mrs S. Pereira, Mrs E. L. Mattos, Mrs S. Marriott, Miss M. Cruz, Miss M. Marques, Messrs A. Baptista, J. S. Silva, A. V. Rosa, F. M. Cunha, A. Brown, C. Mackintosh, H. M. Britto, G. Gutierrez, C. Rosa Pereira, C. G. Silva, J. Marcel, J. D. Remedio, J. A. H. Barreto, J. Lima, J. D. Remedio, J. A. H. Remedio, Silva, Pereira, F. X. Silva, A. Cunha, H. Silva, F. Siqueira, A. C. Botelho, C. F. Souza, A. Cruz.

Floral Tributes

A sheaf of flowers from the family was lowered with the casket.

Apart from a special floral tribute sent by the Members and Local Staff of the Chartered Bank, in which firm Mr Ferreira works, wreaths were sent by Caroline Sabina, Joe and Kids, Hopolia and Pat, Reinaldo, Dr F. J. Molthan, Mr and Mrs J. White, C. Young, C. A. Yelle, Mr and Mrs W. J. White, Mr and Mrs H. C. Brown, Mr and Mrs J. W. Lee, Mr and Mrs V. P. D'Almeida and family, L. Ozorio, Mr and Mrs Ed Rocha, F. M. P. de Grace, E. H. Marriott, Mrs Phillips, Mr and Mrs M. A. Gomes, Mrs Marie Rosa Pereira, Mr and Mrs J. S. Silva and family, Li C. D'Almeida, Mr and Mrs C. G. Silva, Yung Hing-chiu, Mr and Mrs H. P. Brown, Mr and Mrs M. N. Hakusen. Members and local staff, Chartered Bank, Chinese Staff, Hongkong Electric Showroom Department, Kwong Hing Company, Portuguese Staff, Mercantile Bank, Liga Portuguesa Local Staff of the Hongkong Electric Co. Ltd. and many others.

Flying Officer Difford

Flying Officer Ivor Benson Difford, who served with the Royal Air Force in the Colony for two years, was killed in action last October when flying a Hurricane at a fighter station in the south of England, according to information received in Hongkong.

Flying Officer Difford, who was 24 years of age was a South African. He left Hongkong in July last year, and was killed not very long after arriving at a fighter station in England.

Wife of Ex-Premier

Tokyo, Jan. 21. Mrs Komako Yonai, wife of Admiral Mitsumasa Yonai, former Premier, died on Sunday in Tokyo. She was 54.—Domel.

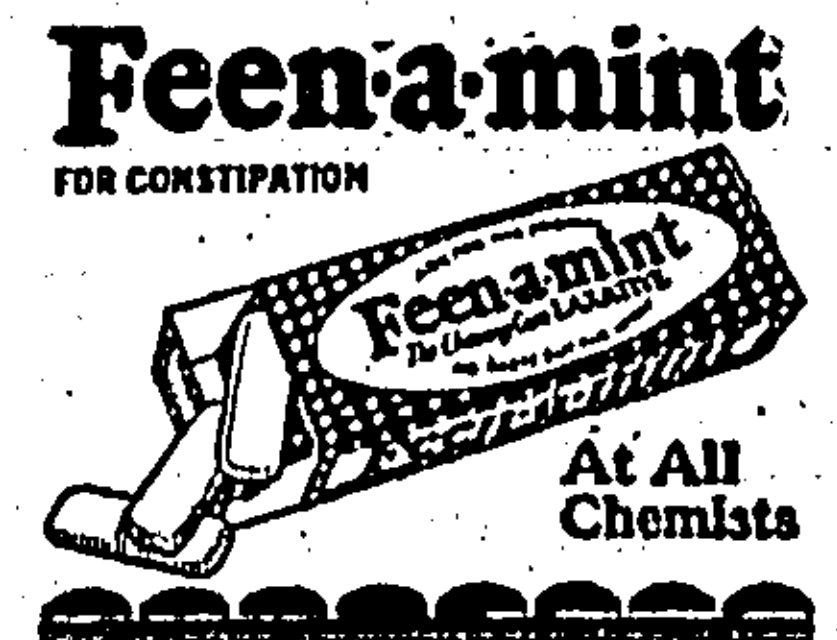
SCIENCE SOCIETY

MR G. S. P. HEYWOOD TO LECTURE ON THE WEATHER

The next general meeting of the Science Society at Hongkong University will be held on January 23 at 8.30 p.m. in Room "K" of the main building, when Mr G. S. P. Heywood, M.A., B.Sc., of the Royal Observatory, will deliver a lecture entitled "The Physics of the Weather," explaining how clouds, rain, and thunderstorms are formed. All interested will be welcome.

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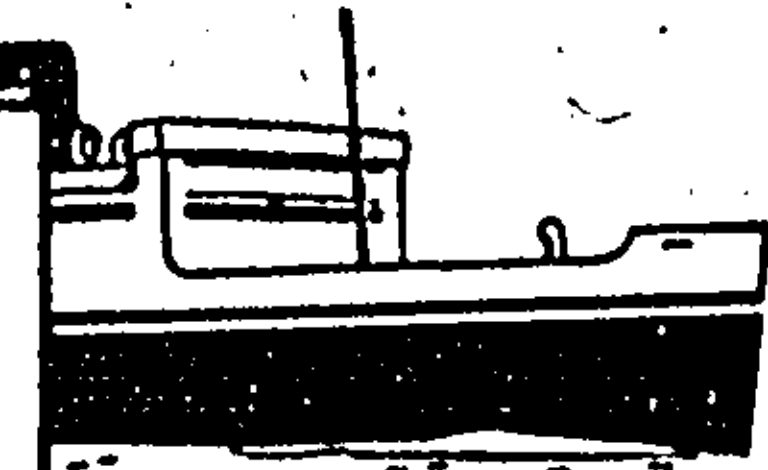
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Japan-Soviet Fisheries

Temporary Agreement
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Jan. 21 (Domei).—Confirming the report that a fishery agreement has been concluded at Moscow between Japan and the Soviet Union, the Foreign Minister, Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, in his address to the Diet to-day, said that a provisional arrangement regarding the Soviet-Japanese fisheries has been agreed upon while an agreement has also been reached for setting up a Soviet-Japanese mixed commission for the conclusion of a formal fishery treaty.

The Board of Information announced that the agreement is to be signed early this morning.
Long Negotiations
MOSCOW, Jan. 21 (Domei).—Signed at 1 a.m. to-day between the Foreign Minister, Mr. V. Chicherov, and the Japanese Ambassador, Lieut-General Yoshitsugu Tatemura, the new modus vivendi showed an unexpectedly sudden conclusion to negotiations which were temporarily given up at the end of last year. The negotiations started on December 13 and seven conversations were held up to December 30.

Terms of Lease
TOKYO, Jan. 22 (Domei).—The Board of Information announced: 1. The existing Japanese-Soviet convention will remain in force as it is to the end of this year. 2. The said modus vivendi is to be replaced by a new fishery convention to be concluded during this year. The said modus vivendi was not concluded before because of the Soviet proposal with respect to the method of payment for the rental for the leased fishery lots, which would increase enormously the burden on the fishing concerns. The Soviet Government, however, have agreed to withdraw this proposal resulting in an amicable settlement of the question on the basis of additional payment by Japan for this year of the amount equivalent to 20 per cent of the rental for the leased fishery lots and of local tax.

Tuberculosis Checked By New Drug

Doctors of the Mayo Foundation in America have under investigation a new drug of the sulfanilamide group, called promin, as a possible tuberculosis remedy.

Trials on guinea pigs with experimental tuberculosis have appeared promising, the doctors—W. H. Feldman, H. C. Hinshaw and H. E. Moses—said.

Their report showed that guinea pigs with experimental tuberculosis lived while all of the 20 untreated animals were dead in 82 days. Thirteen of the 20 animals treated with promin were living after 164 days. The Mayo doctors said this fact suggested that the drug was of value as a remedy.

Severity of the disease when it developed in treated animals was, with one exception, "impressively less" than among untreated guinea pigs, the report said.

Three Men Sentenced To Death

Crime In Village

Sentence of death was passed by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday on three Chinese found guilty on charges in connection with a murder at Cheung Tau Po Village, Au Tau, New Territories, on November 22.

They were Lau Fat, 50, woodcutter, Cheung Kai-sau, 50, woodcutter, and Cheung Sau-fat, 48, farmer. The first two were charged with the murder of Cheung Kau, 30, and the third with being an accessory before the fact.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, conducted the prosecution, assisted by Detective Inspector L. R. Whant. First prisoner was defended by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson, instructed by Mr. H. L. Kwan; second by Mr. T. F. Lo, instructed by Mr. A. el Arculli; and third by Mr. Hin-shing Lo, instructed by Mr. J. M. Hall.

The following comprised the Jury: Messrs K. C. Blair (Foreman), W. R. Conolly, S. R. Solina, S. S. Ruston, C. M. Welosh, Yau Si-lim, Pang Kok-sui, L.A.R. Remedios.

The Crown's case was that following a wedding feast in the village on November 21, Cheung Kau was murdered in his hut by Lau Fat and Cheung Kai-sau at the instigation of Cheung Sau-fat. It was stated that deceased was a spendthrift and that it was because of this and his constant borrowing of money from him that Sau-fat, who was his first cousin, determined to have him killed.

LATE NEWS

Diet Hears Navy Report Minesweeping And Blockade

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Jan. 21 (Domei).—The Imperial Japanese Navy River Flotilla has disposed of 750 mines on the Yangtze, the Navy Minister, Admiral K. Okawa, told the Diet to-day.

Since the middle of July the naval forces in accordance with tactical necessity, completely prohibited shipping traffic in Pinghuo, Wenchow and other important points along the China coast. Surprise attacks have been carried out against Chinese military bases along the coast.

The most daring operations in the year were carried out by the naval air force which since the end of April to October have continuously bombed various inland bases in Szechuen, especially Chungking.

While the naval aircraft in South China are still continuing attacks against the Burma route, the naval force in Central China is also continuing vigorous activity in the Szechuen area.

The losses inflicted on the enemy air force by the Fleet air arm during the past year amounted to about 320 while the Japanese suffered 11 planes lost.

The marine forces operating in Hainan Island in March and April mopped up remnant Chinese troops and drove them deep into the mountainous region.

The Fleet forces effectively supported the Army in its entry into French Indo-China by transporting and escorting them by sea.

Loss of Submarine
The Navy Minister then made a special statement regarding the sinking of Submarine I-77 in August last year. The disaster occurred about 3 p.m. about 600 miles south of Tokyo Bay while the fleet was engaged in manoeuvres. The undersea craft was last observed by an aeroplane which happened to fly in the vicinity. At that moment, the ship was seen beginning submerging operation but since that moment communication with the ship was totally lost. The fleet at once searched in the surrounding area but failed to obtain any traces of the missing ship. The matter was made public on October 25.

Antonescu's Troops & Iron Guards Clash

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being quiet and the attacks by discontented members of the Iron Guard are continuing.

Spokesman's Denial
BELGRADE, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—A spokesman at the Rumanian Legation at Belgrade to-day stated that it was untrue that there had been any attempted coup d'etat in Bucharest yesterday.

He said that "certain demonstrations" had occurred but that order was quickly restored.

No telephone calls to or from Bucharest were accepted to-day.

Monarchy Coup?
NEW YORK, Jan. 22 (Reuter).—According to a telegram from Sofia the disorders in Rumania are widespread, with street fighting and bombing between civilians, German soldiers and communists—at Bucharest, the capital, and elsewhere.

It is reported that the increasing resentment felt in many quarters over the German military concentrations in Rumania and against the regime of General Antonescu may flare up into a real general fight with the Nazis trying to restore order. Other reports are that the disorders may be part of a coup intended by Leftist followers of ex-King Carol and others trying to overthrow the Germans and pro-German Iron Guard.

German troops removed from Giurgiu are reported to have been rushed to Bucharest and elsewhere.

NO BLITZ OVER BRITAIN

LONDON, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—There has been considerable enemy air activity over the eastern part of England during daylight to-day, but no important attack developed.

It is officially stated that a few bombs fell in the outskirts of London and points in the home and eastern counties.

Some damage was done to houses but very few casualties were reported.

Housewives Fight Fires
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Jan. 21 (UP).—The third daylight warnings which lasted over an hour were sounded soon after the all clear of the second alarm and lasted an hour.

Planes were heard flying low but could not be seen on account of the clouds. During the second alarm a raider dropped a considerable number of fire bombs on the outskirts of a town near London. This is a very rare occurrence during a daylight raid. Women put aside their household tasks, manned buckets of sand, spades, shovels, and stirrup pumps and doused the incendiary bombs within a few minutes, and then returned to their kitchens.

Congress Supports Navy Protection Bill

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—By 130 votes to nil, the House of Representatives approved the appropriation of \$75,000,000 to strengthen the Navy's protection against air attack. This was the first Bill to be passed by the House at the 77th Congress.

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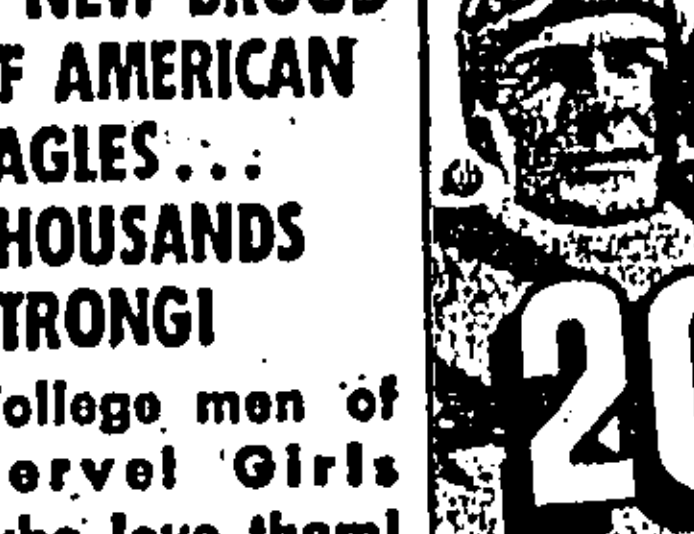
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European Burned To Death In Motor Car

A BODY, believed to be that of Dr Ernest Walter Martindell, Medical Officer, Johore Bahru, was found burnt beyond recognition in a fire-gutted motor-car near Singapore recently.

A passing taxi-driver saw a motor-car in the drain blazing furiously at one a.m. The flames were too fierce for an attempt to rescue the occupant of the car and he drove to the nearest police station to summon help.

When the police arrived on the scene the car was still ablaze. The fire brigade was called, and the flames were extinguished.

On their arrival the tyres of the car were still alight while the rest of the vehicle had been burnt out.

A burnt body was found near the back window of the car. The car belonged to Dr Martindell who had left Singapore for Johore after a dinner engagement with a friend.

Police believe the car zig-zagged across the road and then overturned. The petrol cap apparently came off and the car caught fire.

It appeared as if the driver had tried to escape but failed.

Dr Martindell was 37 years old and studied at the University College Hospital, London.

Since February, 1937 he had been Medical Officer, Johore Bahru.

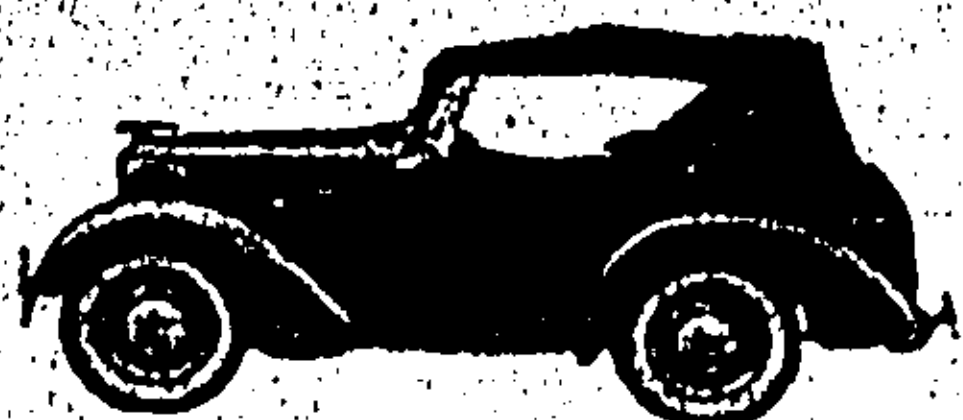
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CAIRO, JAN. 21 (REUTER).—BRITISH PENETRATION OF BOTH THE OUTER AND INNER DEFENCES OF TOBRUK TO A DEPTH OF FIVE MILES IS ANNOUNCED IN A SPECIAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED TO-NIGHT FROM G.H.Q. AT CAIRO.

THE COMMUNIQUE READS: "SHORTLY AFTER NOON TO-DAY, IMPERIAL FORCES, ACTIVELY SUPPORTED BY THE ROYAL NAVY AND THE ROYAL AIR FORCE, SUCCESSFULLY PENETRATED BOTH THE OUTER AND INNER DEFENCES OF TOBRUK TO A DEPTH OF OVER FIVE MILES ON A BROAD FRONT.

"The advance is continuing. Many prisoners have already been taken, including one Italian General.

"The Italian cruiser, San Giorgio, in Tobruk harbour, is in flames, as are also a number of dumps of stores and petrol."

BRITONS WARNED OF CRISIS

Urged To Evacuate Japan

TOKYO, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—Considerable anxiety was caused among foreign residents in the Tokyo and Yokohama area to-day on receipt by British residents in Yokohama of written advice from the Consul General, Mr W. McVittie, "to leave Japan by regular shipping routes before the impending crisis in Japanese-American relations comes to a head."

Mr McVittie said that his motive was only to send a "limited number" and he declined to elucidate his expectations regarding Japanese-American relations.

The notification pointed out that in case of war, all sailings would be cancelled and a hurried evacuation would be impossible; the British would not be free to use their money and property, they would not be able to communicate with their Consuls and they might be interned.

Japanese officials profess ignorance of any development likely to inspire such a warning.

This time, however, private foreign circles are gravely disturbed by the complete suppression of plans and views not only of the Japanese Government but also of those abroad such as might indicate an imminent crisis.

Some regard Mr. McVittie's action as being linked to rumours that Admiral Nimitz, the Japanese Ambassador, is expected to return to Japan.

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Chinese Sink Two Warships

Yangtze Engagement

CHUNGKING, Jan. 21 (Central News).—Chinese artillery action sank two Japanese warships in the Yangtze above Nan-king within three days.

One of the vessels with troops aboard was sunk on January 12. Chinese farmers on the bank saw large numbers of Japanese drowned. The other sunk on January 14 was a transport, loaded with munitions and other military supplies.

As a result the Japanese are taking strict precautions against Chinese shore batteries and have sent out minesweepers to remove floating mines in the river.

Bleak fighting has again flared up in the Anhwei-Chekiang border regions. Some 1,500 Japanese infantrymen and 500 cavalrymen launched a drive from Changling to Hokeichen, a town to the northwest, on Monday. Simultaneously a Japanese unit started a drive from Hing against the Chinese in the neighbourhood.

The Japanese northward push from Ichang, Yangtze port in Hupeh, is reported to have totally collapsed. After the defeats at Lungwangtung and Changchaling, the Japanese are now in full retreat.

Japanese attacks at Changshoutien and Hochlatsi, north of Chungking on the east bank of the Han River, about 125 miles northwest of Hankow, have also been repulsed.

A daring attack was made last Thursday by a Chinese unit at Tao-taiwan in the vicinity of Tsyeh, the iron-mining town, about 60 miles southeast of Wuchang. Japanese defences were destroyed.

After two days' severe fighting, the Japanese attacking Yangfanglin and Hungchiling, south of Tsungyung in south Hupeh, were hurled back last Saturday.

Munsang College Appeal Result

The appeal brought by Messrs Rufus Huang, headmaster, Wong Sun-yin and Lee Shing-to against an order made in Chambers by the Chief Justice that Mr Huang cease to be a trustee of the College, was dismissed with costs by the Full Court of Appeal this morning.

PREMIER SPEAKS

Aims For Which We Fight

LONDON, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—In concentrating his efforts on the supreme task of winning the war, Mr Winston Churchill is not overlooking the problem of post-war reconstruction and is ready, "when a good opportunity presents itself," to enlarge upon the Government's war and peace aims.

The Prime Minister put his views in a nutshell in the House of Commons to-day when he said: "Most right-minded people here and abroad, especially in the United States, already fully understand the causes and principles for which we are waging war upon Nazi tyranny."

"Can't Say Anything Now" "The Government is always on the lookout for any opportunity of making a statement that would help our victory and liberation, now ground down under German smoke. I am not, however, able to say anything at present."

One Member, Sir Stanley Reed, suggested that the Prime Minister consider definitely advising the Italian people that the British Commonwealth was under no misapprehension about the purpose for which they were being called to fight.

Mr Churchill recalled his recent broadcast and said that he did not propose to add anything to it at the moment.

British Shipping Losses

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Jan. 21 (UP).—For the fifth week in succession British shipping losses were well below the weekly average since the war began. According to the Admiralty, the list contains only nine British ships of 30,266 tons, lost due to enemy action in the week ending at midnight January 12. There were no Allied or neutral losses.

The losses for the week, however, are over double compared to last week's figures. During the period under review, the Germans claim they sank 42,700 tons.

Malta's Night Visitation

Enemy Too High To Aim

MALTA, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—Following their costly air raids over the week-end, the enemy last night carried out two indiscriminate attacks.

An official description of the attacks says that the target seems to have been one of the British aerodromes but the actual result may be described as indiscriminate bombing as the enemy flew at a great height in order to escape gunfire and detection by searchlights.

No bombs hit or damaged government property. Several bombs damaged civilian property and a number of others fell into the sea. There was one serious casualty, this person failing to take cover.

Nazis Take Control of Italian War Machine

LONDON, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—The meeting between Hitler and Mussolini took place at Berchtesgaden, according to the diplomatic correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph."

He says that for the purpose of propaganda the usual mystification was made but "I can state that the purpose of the conference was the simple one of transferring the Italian war machine to German control."

The mere fact that the meeting was held at Berchtesgaden and not at the Italo-German frontier as of old, emphasises the subservient role that Mussolini now takes. This subservience may be unpalatable to Italian pride and may be disguised in the

Attack Described

("REUTER'S" SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

CAIRO, Jan. 21. — After steadily investing the town for nearly three weeks, Britain's Army of the Nile launched an attack on Tobruk early to-day.

The blinding sandstorms that had been sweeping the desert almost continually for the past week had hampered the final stages of the operations. The troops had to force a way through yellow clouds of sand which reduced visibility sometimes to a few yards.

This offensive has been prepared as carefully as the last. Patrols have gone out nightly gathering precise information with regard to the Italian defences. They have found tank traps surrounding Tobruk so deep in places that they had to bring up ladders in order to enter and measure their depth. The perimeter of the defences is about 30 miles in circumference. Unlike Bardia, Tobruk has a second line of defences, with a circumference of about 11 miles. The outer circle is barbed-wired all round, presenting a formidable task for the preliminary work of destruction by our engineers.

R.A.F. Bomb Tobruk

CAIRO, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—Simultaneously with the announcement that British forces have launched an attack on Tobruk, it was announced that this Italian seaport was heavily raided by bomber aircraft of the R.A.F. during the night of January 19-20.

Several attacks, states a communique from R.A.F. headquarters in the Middle East, were made and direct hits were registered on marine repair shops and military barracks.

One artillery battery of four guns was silenced and many bombs fell on a camp of about 200 tents.

Anti-aircraft fire was intense but the British aircraft pressed home their attack.

British fighter patrols were active throughout yesterday but no conclusive engagement with the enemy resulted.

Catania Again Raided

A further raid was carried out on the aerodrome at Catania (Sicily) during the night of January 20-21. Seven enemy aircraft were on the ground, where two large twin-engined bombers were seen to burst into flames.

Fires started near administrative buildings were visible over 60 miles away.

On the previous night, a railway station at Brindisi was bombed but the results could not be fully observed owing to low cloud. It is believed, however, that considerable damage was done.

In Albania, Valona was subjected to the heaviest bombing attack hitherto carried out in that region. A heavy raid was made during the night of January 19-20, followed by further raids during the day. Large explosions occurred in the target area and a number of fires were caused. High explosive bombs fell on buildings and the shore, causing considerable damage.

In Kassala Sector

CARIO, Jan. 21 (UP).—A General Headquarters communique states: "In the Kassala area our troops are victoriously pursuing the Italian forces who are continuing their withdrawal to the eastward."

Advance Into Eritrea

Italians Hard Pressed

"REUTER'S" AT BRITISH H.Q., CAIRO

Jan. 21. — Imperial troops, pushing deeper into Italy's East African Colony of Eritrea were reported to-day to have reached a point some 30 miles to the east of the Kassala frontier post evacuated by the Italians on Sunday.

The retreating Italians whose strength is now revealed to be no less than two divisions, are being hard-pressed by British light-armoured units and motorised infantry.

The pursuit continues day and night across hilly and difficult country. Every effort is being made to maintain contact. Occasionally British Bren gun carriers are able to send bursts into the Italian "tail."

Running Away

The Italians are apparently withdrawing as fast as they can having covered 20 miles on the first day. Indian, Sudanese and British troops are taking part in the pursuit, it is learned.

Before their withdrawal, the Italians were strung along a 100-mile front from Omager, where the frontiers of Sudan, Eritrea and Abyssinia converge to a point 20 miles to the north-east of Kassala.

The direction of the retreat is towards Agordat, nearly 100 miles from the frontier. Agordat is the terminus of Eritrea's only railway, and the main point of communication for the

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Greek Guns Silence Italians

TRENCH MORTAR CORPS CAPTURED

ATHENS, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—Improvement in the weather has resulted in a heavy artillery duel in the central sector of the Albanian front from dawn throughout the day.

Greek guns silenced many enemy batteries. Thick snow covers the mountains where fighting is proceeding, and there is a bitter cold fog. Despite the conditions, the Greeks continue to maintain the initiative and to displace the enemy from their fortified positions.

In the southern sector beyond Chirara, the Greeks encircled and captured a trench mortar corps, taking many prisoners.

MALAYAN WAR COMMITTEE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SINGAPORE, Jan. 21 (Dance).—The creation of a Malayan War Committee was announced here to-day by the Governor, H.E. Sir Sinton Thomas, at a meeting of the Legislative Council for British Malaya and Straits Settlements. The Governor said that the new committee is composed of civilians and officials and also the chiefs of local fighting forces.

Greek-Soviet Meetings

Failure of A Mission

ISTANBUL, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—The Greek Commercial Mission returning from Moscow stated they learned from Russian political quarters that 120 Soviet divisions, normally 1,800,000 troops, have been established along the Russian-German frontier.

The delegation was unsuccessful in its effort to negotiate for the purchase of wheat and coal from Russia. The Russians, according to this source, demanded an exorbitant price for wheat and refused to deliver coal until the Greeks had handed over cash.

Large quantities of wheat and coal had recently passed through the Dardanelles on Greek ships as a result of an earlier deal.

LONDON, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—From Feb. 1, the Ministry of Food will be the sole purchaser of rice for importation into Britain.

VALONA'S DOCKYARD WRECKED

Punishing R.A.F. Attack

ATHENS, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—

Valona was subjected to its heaviest aerial bombing attacks of the war on the night of Jan. 19 and yesterday, when heavy bombers raided the dockyard at night.

Large explosions occurred in the target area and smaller fires were also caused, but the weather was too bad for full results to be seen.

In a daylight raid on Valona, a number of high explosive bombs fell on buildings on the south jetty and shore and must have caused considerable damage.

Enemy fighters attacked but were evaded after a fifteen-minute engagement.

On the return journey, our formation attacked and damaged an enemy float plane.

Brindisi railway station was attacked but results could not be observed owing to cloud.

All our aircraft returned safely.

Shayuchung Not Occupied

Threat By Japanese

According to an official of the Chinese Maritime Customs, Shayuchung has not yet been occupied by Japanese troops.

Advice was received that the Japanese expected to attack and take over the place on Monday last, but as yet the troops have not put in an appearance.

Trade between Hongkong and Shayuchung continues and yesterday launch masters returning from the village declared that everything was quiet and normal there.

Antonescu's Troops & Iron Guards Clash

Special to the "Telegraph"

BUDAPEST, Jan. 21 (UP).—It is reported from Bucharest that street fighting broke out between the Iron Guards and troops of General Antonescu the latter killing two Iron Guards. All telephone lines to Bucharest have been cut.

It is reported the Iron Guards erected a bier for the two members who were killed in one of the main squares where they are parading, mourning and chanting hymns of hate and revenge.

Major Disorders

NEW YORK, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—According to a Budapest telegram, major disorders which may require energetic measures by the Germans are raging throughout Rumania. They were of pro-German origin

following the assassination of a German, Major Doehring.

Described As Revolution

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" SOFIA, Jan. 21 (UP).—Some of the newspapers in Sofia headline the disturbances in Bucharest as "revolution in Rumania," but news agencies give only a few details in their despatches.

The latest reports from Bucharest state that the situation is still far from

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1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Variety with Elsie Carlisle and The Street Singer.

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Compositions of Bach.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 Studio—Talk on Ballet illustrated by gramophone records.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Piano Duets by Rawicz and Landauer.

8.12 Musical Comedy "Please Teacher."

Bobby Howes and Company with the London Hippodrome Chorus and Orchestra.

8.30 Dance Music by Maurice Winick and His Orchestra.

9.00 London Relay—The News and News Comments.

9.30 London Relay—Talk: "Democracy Marches."

9.45 A Programme of French Music.

10.14 Violin Solos by Mischa Elman.

Thais—Meditation (Marszewski); Serenade (Drda); Serenade (Drigo).

10.25 Tchaikowsky—Concerto No. 1 in B Flat Minor, Op. 22.

1st Mov: Allegro non troppo e molto—Allegro con spirito; 2nd Mov: Andantino semplice—Prestissimo-tempo primo; 3rd Mov: Allegro con fuoco.

Arthur Rubinstein (Piano) and the London Symphony Orchestra cond. by John Barbirolli.

11.00 Close Down.

COLONY'S VEHICLES

Registrations In Past Year

The following are the numbers of new cars and trucks which were registered in the Colony during 1940, and their respective makes:

Motor cars and trucks—Ford 82, Hillman 71, Standard 53, Studebaker 49, Chevrolet 40, Morris 38, Austin 33, Vauxhall 30, Sunbeam Talbot 27, Bedford 23, Buick 17, Plymouth 10, Chrysler 8, Carriers 8, International 5, Willys 5, Dodge 4, Opel 4, Humber 4, Nash 4, Fargo 4, M. A. N. Diesel 3, M. G. 3, Bedford 3, Lincoln Zephyr 2, Commer 2, D. S. A. 2, Wolseley 1, Crossley 1, Bantam 1, Mercury 1, Federal 1. Total 540.

Motor cars only.—Hillman 71, Ford 55, Standard 53, Morris 35, Austin 31, Vauxhall 30, Sunbeam Talbot 27, Studebaker 23, Buick 17, Chevrolet 11, Plymouth 10, Chrysler 8, Willys 5, Opel 4, Humber 4, Nash 4, M. A. N. Diesel 3, Lincoln Zephyr 2, Commer 2, D. S. A. 2, Crossley 1, Bantam 1, Mercury 1, Wolseley 1, Fiat 1. Total 402.

Trucks only.—Chevrolet 29, Ford 27, Studebaker 26, Bedford 23, Carriers 8, International 5, Fargo 4, Morris 3, M. A. N. Diesel 3, Bedford 3, Austin 2, Dodge 2, Commer 2, Federal 1. Total 138.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

DUTYABLE COMMODITIES ORDINANCE

The attention of all persons or firms holding stocks of Hydrocarbon Oils of any type in the Colony is drawn to Government Notification No. 54 published under the Public Revenue Protection Ordinance on January 16th, 1941.

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E. W. HAMILTON,
Superintendent of Imports and Exports.
18th January, 1941.

NOTICE

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of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 3rd day of February, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Castle Peak, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

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1	100	Castle Peak	as per sale plan.	54,450	\$200	\$250

Turkey's Revenge—Murder Scare

"Help! Murder!" screamed Mrs Lee Feller, of New York City when, upon entering the bathroom of her third-floor apartment, she saw blood trickling down the steampipe.

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H.K. Stock Market

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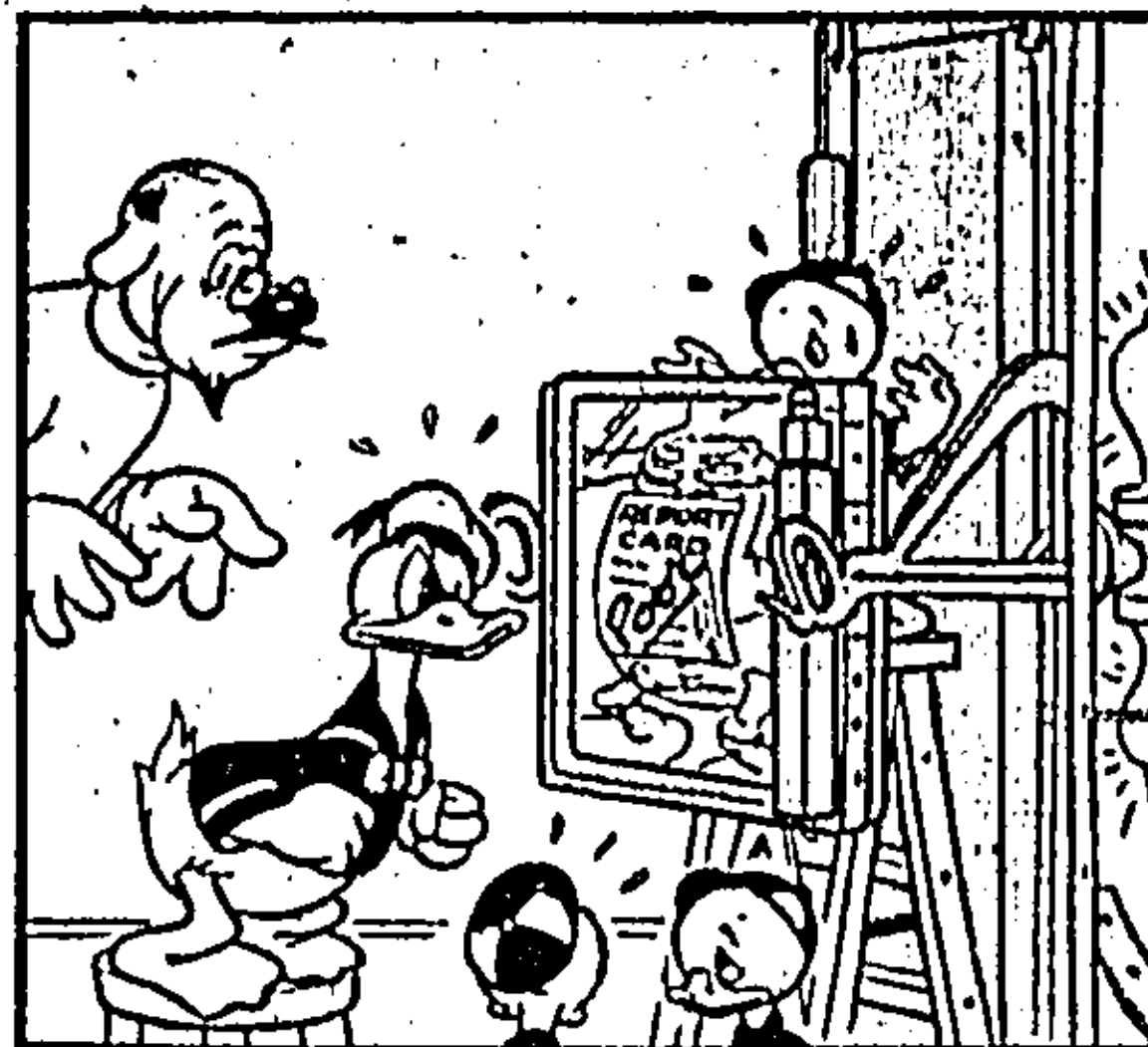
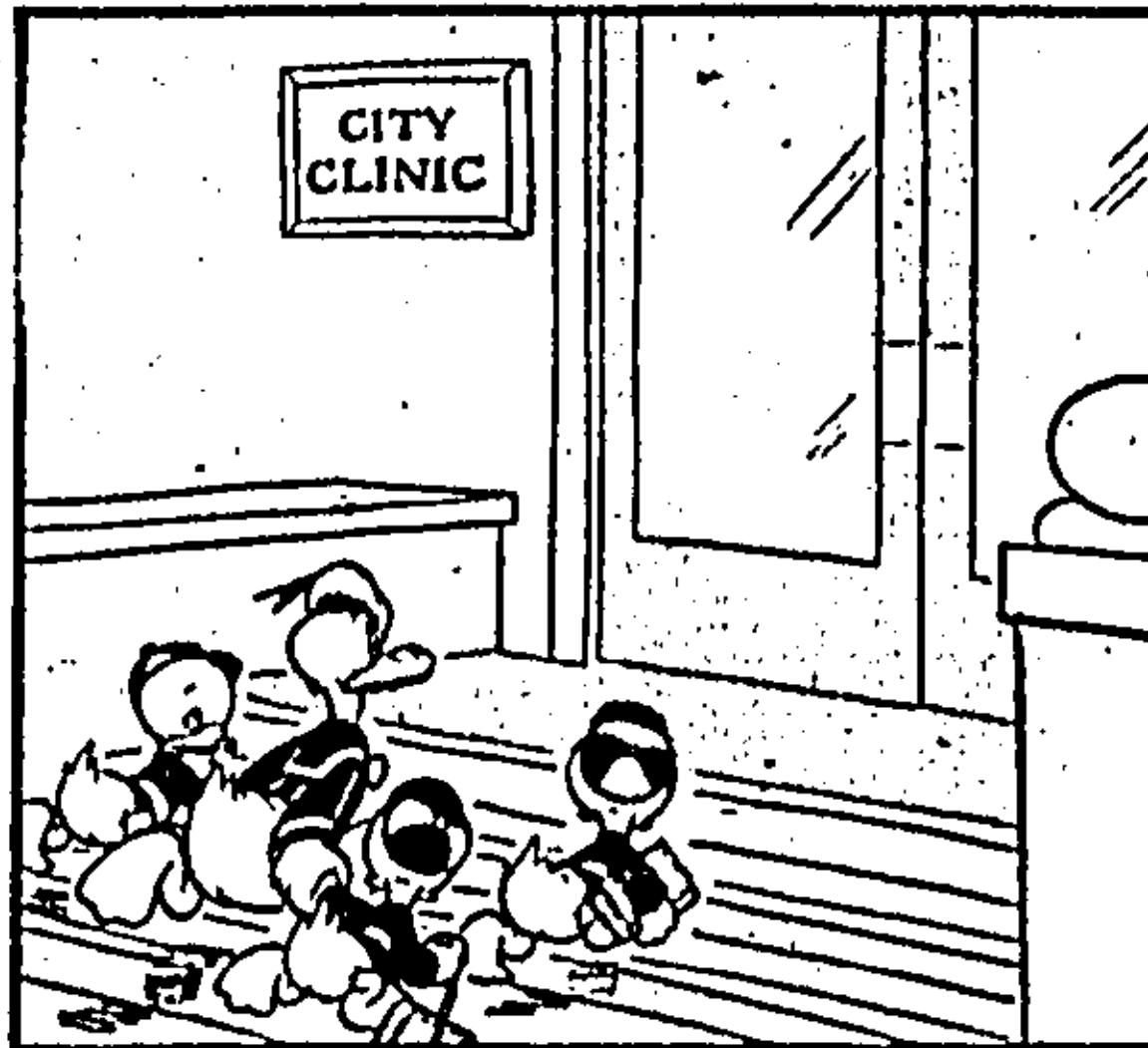
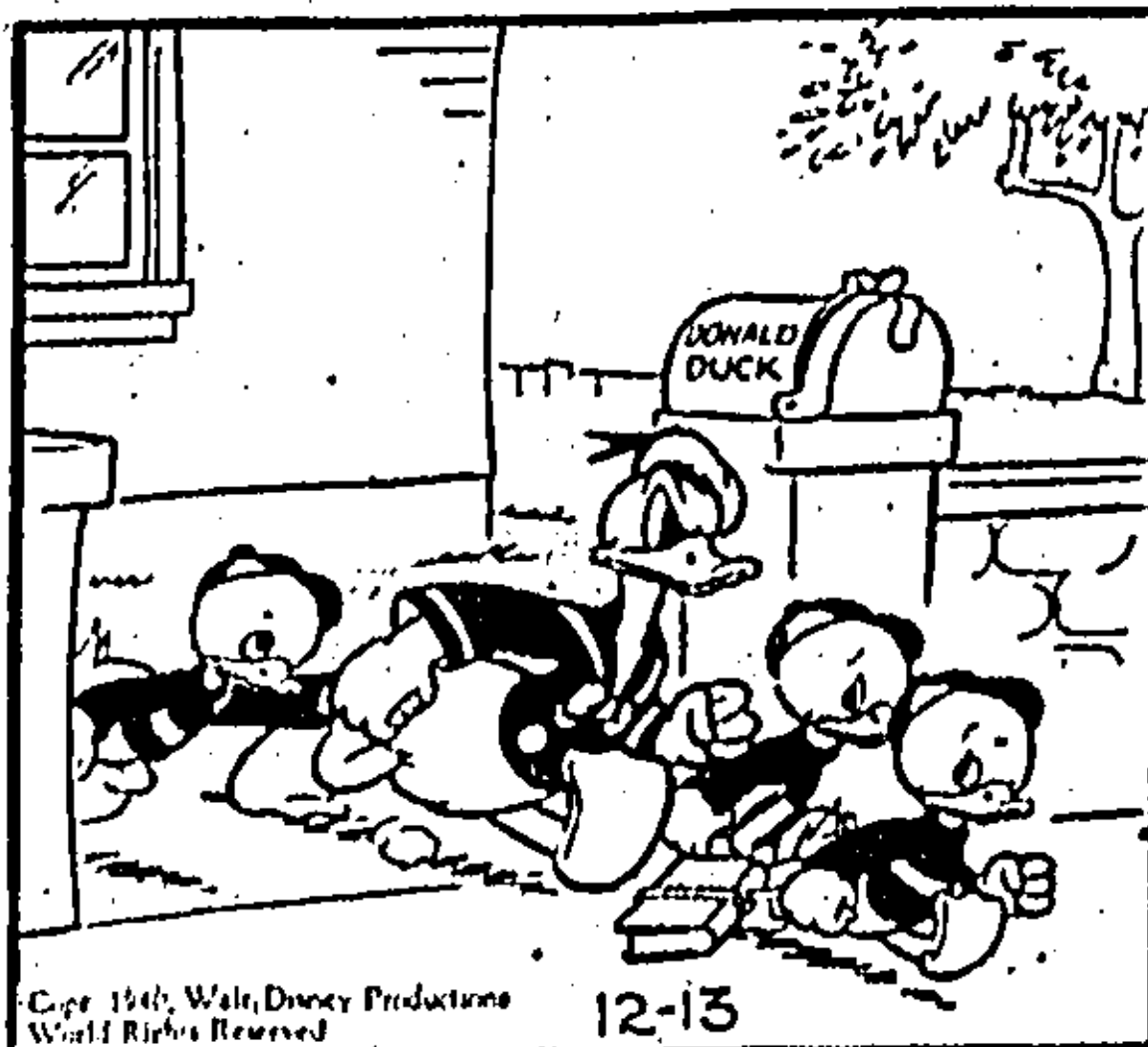
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ALICE DELYSIA, the French comedienne, singing to French sailors when she visited a camp at which they are stationed.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1-Having ears
- 2-End out of country
- 3-Technical units
- 4-Eutectic
- 5-Kat
- 6-Temporary shelter
- 7-Creek letter
- 8-Closely confined
- 9-Metric measure
- 10-Those who make up
- 11-Mine
- 12-Bound
- 13-Exhausted
- 14-Tofino
- 15-Brilliance
- 16-Dependent
- 17-Church officer
- 18-One of Dante
- 19-Claus's reminder
- 20-Wine dregs
- 21-Remembrancer
- 22-Blind
- 23-Melodies
- 24-Prefect wrong
- 25-Record
- 26-Citra
- 27-Clation
- 28-Vaccines
- 29-Iland water
- 30-Ilavng rectangular
- 31-Inela
- 32-Illustriat
- 33-On stroke of
- 34-Wine (Italian)

DOWN

- 1-New world
- 2-Toward 182
- 3-Macerate flax
- 4-Extent
- 5-Camp
- 6-Italis Italy
- 7-Was contingent on
- 8-Turn inside out
- 9-Kitchen vessels
- 10-Cat
- 11-Japanese measure
- 12-Rival
- 13-Calm down
- 14-Halibut
- 15-Long fish
- 16-Approach
- 17-Tire measure
- 18-Flowers
- 19-Fingerless gloves
- 20-Years of adolescence
- 21-Color
- 22-Touched wheel
- 23-Florida Indian
- 24-Part of circle
- 25-Decorative
- 26-Helioning to me
- 27-Ceremony
- 28-Hair
- 29-Like for nomination
- 30-Vegetable dishes
- 31-Artificial waterway
- 32-Liver dke
- 33-Liquid measure
- 34-Decorative
- 35-Force (Latin)
- 36-Decay
- 37-Greek "M"
- 38-Tellurium

WITH THE DESERT PATROL

By Ronald Matthews

WE are just outside Kassala, the Italian post on the Sudan-Abyssinian border. I am out with one of our patrols.

The squat outline of the machine-gun carrier ahead of us pitches and rolls in the sandy track that winds amid tamarisk trees.

The black bulk of its questing weapon and the turbaned heads of its crew are silhouetted as it jolts against the old-gold horizon of sunset.

"From Nowhere!"

At the post where I spent last night we had an excellent glass of beer—Italian brewed—and dined off a bunch of bananas.

"Where do they come from?" I asked. "Oh, from Kassala," was the officer's off-hand reply. Some of our adventurous patrolers go raiding at night right through the Italian lines.

Still, I would not recommend being out in the area before Kassala is unsecured. Not because of quickness of our own patrols.

A British general told me smilingly how, the other day, when driving in this area, he was suddenly halted by two of our armoured cars which swooped on him from either side—"from nowhere," as he put it—with machine-guns trained.

They vanished only when they were satisfied of his identity.

These patrolling Sudanese units seem to be endowed with a cloak of invisibility.

Suppose you are out with a couple of your cars in the middle of a wide stretch of apparently bare ground when enemy aircraft appear.

The spot seems completely destitute of cover, yet within ten seconds your companions will have disappeared.

A single night recently.

"It's no use accepting Italian money," they say, "for you can't buy anything there—and you can't eat money."

When Greece was invaded, the Greek merchants in Kassala were interned and their shops looted by hungry Italian soldiers leaving the merchants' wives destitute.

Towards Mecca

Things are just as bad in Tessenet, in Eritrea, to the south-east of us. There, according to refugees, Italians sold grain to the shopkeepers and then took it back from them without paying for it.

Now, as I write this, I see we have arrived at one of our ever-watchful posts. We dismount, so that the gun crew can stop for evening prayers.

Just A Shadow

It is uncanny how the mountain of Jebel Kassala seems to dominate the landscape as you pass across it, from as great a distance as forty miles north to forty miles south.

Every week or so there is some indication that the Italians are about to emerge from its shadow.

Most of these signs are really indications of an enemy desire to obtain news of our intentions.

For instance, two nights ago a couple of Italian tanks ran out for a couple of miles and occupied for the first time some hills on the Sudan border, so that a watch could be kept on us from the heights.

Usually—as was the case last night, when one of these vantage points was shot up by artillery—the enemy is made to pay for such rashside antics.

I will not lay odds against the Italians trying a local offensive here. But I think it will be only a foraging expedition.

All the latest deserters—and their numbers are still increasing—stress the shortage of food there. So do the civilian refugees, of whom 20 came to us in

HE SANG K-K-K-KATIE

IN the war of 1914-18 Walter Williams was singing war-winning songs and making others sing them. One of the songs was "K-K-K-Katie."

You remember, it went something like this:—

K-K-K-Katie, beautiful Katie,
You're the only g-g-girl that I love,
When the moon shines on the kitchen door,
I'll be waiting at the k-k-k-kitchen door.

It was a popular song—the sort of song that made you want to join in the chorus.

You had to join in if you were in a Walter Williams audience. He made you.

"Now then, all together—" And quite often, "You, please, sir," or "You, please, madam."

He made lots of famous people sing his choruses.

Made Princess Sing

Once the Princess Royal (then Princess Mary), sitting in her box, sang "K-K-K-Katie."

And once he made Lord Beatty sing the chorus by himself.

In this war Walter Williams, now fifty-three, the light comedian and vocalist of former days, had no spectacular part.

He had become assistant manager of the Queen's Cinema, Bayswater.

One day he was walking along a London street—making a business journey which for several years had been the lot of some one else.

A bomb fell close to him. He was killed.

Secret of the Lake

THE Fleet Air Arm's Taranto triumph had its beginnings in a quiet British lake.

To me the Secret of the Lake was no secret. In peace days I often climbed the shoulder of the hills behind my cottage and looked down to watch gleaming torpedoes fanning down the length of the lake.

They plunged away from a jetty at one end through a series of moored floats, straight for a white tower target four miles away.

A man stationed on each float—they were anchored a quarter of a mile apart—signalled to the timekeepers as each torpedo passed beneath him.

Some days from my hilltop eyrie I saw some strange experiments with torpedoes.

OTHER people have been interested, too, in what happens in the bosom of that valley. But he asked the wrong sort of man, a gamekeeper, and an old soldier.

The gamekeeper had all the suspicions of a man who spends his life watching the wild things of the glens. He was not to be deceived.

"That chap," he told me later, "said he was from London and wanted some photographs of the scenery. I'm thinking he was a Jerry, so I sent him the opposite way."

Many hours later the weary stranger, speaking with a marked German accent, called at a cottage a few miles away begging for tea.

Recently, I had a letter from my parents' home, which lies a few miles to the south of the cottage.

"German planes bombed the hills behind the cottage," wrote my mother, adding unsuspiciously "There's nothing for them there that I can think of."

John Drummond

PRIVATE LIFE OF A PRIVATE

FEAR is a FUNNY THING

(Further extract from the diary of a journalist now in the Army).

IT has been said a thousand times before, but I must say it once again: fear is a strange thing.

We were talking about it yesterday.

Having had a two-hour spell of Tactics on irregular ground, with a fine rain falling and a sharp wind blowing, we fell out and smoked. Topics came and went.

The Man from Leicester said again: "I ain't frit o' no blasted Jerry."

Old Silence replied: "No, but you're afraid of dying."

"I ain't."

"Everybody is," said Old Silence.

"I bet yow I wouldn't run away from nowt," said the Man from Leicester.

An old soldier with a ribbon on his breast said: "Anybody who says he's afraid of nothing is either a liar or else hasn't had much experience of things people are usually afraid of."

Running away," he continued, "has got nothing to do with it. I've been afraid plenty of times, but I've never run away. Get a machine-gun going ratalatata-tat a few yards away from you, and naturally you're afraid."

"Brave men are often afraid; only they keep it to just an ordinary man who can't beat his fear; can't keep it down."

Real courage," said Old Silence, "is carrying on while you're afraid. That's why the people in Givvy Street all ought to get V.C.s."

"There's some things you can't help being frit on," said the Man from Leicester, "Take snakes."

"I knew a man what got the D.S.C.," said the Lad from the Elephant. "And 'e was frightened o' cats."

"Once upon a time," said Old Silence, "I used to be afraid of slugs. When I was a little boy."

"A slug would make me go cold all over. Then, one day, I happened to come across a slug that seemed to me to be about a foot long."

"I stood and looked at it for a long time; with my stomach turning over; and then I flew into a rage."

"How dare this slimy thing make me afraid?" I said to myself, and smashed it with my fist. Since then I've never been afraid of slugs."

The old soldier, musing, raised his head and said to Old Silence: "You done right, pal. It's exactly the same way with the fear of death. You get hold of it, and it isn't there."

"Go and get tea," said the Corporal. "And put some jazz into it."

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EVACUATION TEST CASE

A woman who regards Hongkong as her domicile and who questioned the authority of the local government to evacuate her to another country under emergency war regulations has had her answer from the highest legal authority in the Colony. To the reasonable man the judgment of the Chief Justice does seem reasonable. It was his concern to call on the weight of authorities going back hundreds of years and to dissertate on Magna Carta and Habeas Corpus.

One quotation to which he gave emphasis was that a judge cannot enter into the question of whether the regulations have, or have not, any tendency to promote the safety and defence of the realm, that being the concern of the military and administrative authorities; and that the responsibility for giving power to these authorities rested with the representatives of the people in Parliament. The Chief Justice did not entirely agree with this authority and pointed out that a regulation in Council which could not possibly aid in securing the defence of the realm, though issued under the Defence of the Realm Act, might be ultra vires. The Defence (Entry Restrictions) Regulations of 1940, he determined, are not ultra vires and Government therefore wins the case brought against it.

The plaintiff in this action automatically reverts to her former position in which she was ordered by Government to leave the Colony. It is believed that about a dozen other women who have been awaiting the result of the hearing, will also have to leave the Colony. Meanwhile these British women and children who had not complied with the original order to evacuate when the Secretary of State cabled the Government not to compel any more of them to leave, may remain in the Colony at their own risk.

It is fairly safe to assume that the whole unhappy business of whether compulsion was legal and whether discrimination was justifiable is losing itself in a spirit of frustration. Many people with families abroad want them to stay abroad; many people who encountered discrimination are glad to be back or are glad that they never left.

The ugliness of war cuts across race and sentiment, and family ties must be severed as easily as purse strings for the common cause. One wonders what the Hongkong Chinese thinks of it all. Have the sincere complaints, ventilated so freely in the Press, left a deeper impression of sympathy and understanding than the imprint of tactlessness and in-

IN the islands of the Aegean there are many little land-locked harbours which are guarded at their narrow entrance by high rocky promontories. One bright sunny day during the last war a British destroyer steamed between two of these headlands. She was met by a fusillade of rifle fire from Turks lying among the rocks only 50 yards away.

To the surprise of the enemy, they were replied to in kind. From the side of the destroyer from the scuttles and from loopholes, rifles were suddenly poked out. They opened fire. On the bridge of the

destroyer, determined to enter and find out for himself if this harbour were a submarine base, was a young naval officer with short hair. He was a commander. His name was Andrew Browne Cunningham; and his ship was the Scorpion.

One day at Gibraltar there was the final of the tug-of-war between two battleships. The captain of one of them was sitting, watching the struggle. His blue eyes twinkled and he turned to the friend beside him. "That tough, three from the end, was a stoker with me in a light cruiser two years ago." He knew the name, the rate and everything about men whom he'd commanded two years or more before. That captain with the blue eyes and hair slightly greying at the temples, who knew his men as if they were his own family, was Andrew Browne Cunningham.

The captain of a destroyer



ADMIRAL SIR ANDREW BROWNE CUNNINGHAM

THE MAN WHO SMASHED THE DUCES FLEET

On Mediterranean service at the beginning of 1939 once described a singular experience he had had on New Year's Day, 1939. He said he felt as if an electric shock had gone through the Mediterranean Fleet. Even the destroyers (the smallest units of a fleet in peacetime) felt as if something had happened. No signals had been made, nothing seemed to have happened, but something had. On January 1 an admiral—still with the same short figure—had hoisted his flag as Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet. His hair was slightly greying than when we first met him and his name was—Andrew Browne Cunningham.

mand, the Mediterranean Fleet. "Andrew B."—hard to the slackers, loved by those who could work hard—but always a legend. Look at his qualifications: courage, experience, high responsibility—he has always had the first, he learns from the second, he has never shirked, but has welcomed, the last.

When Collingwood was commanding the Mediterranean Fleet after Nelson's death—he wrote to his wife:

"Tell me, how do the trees which I planted thrive? Is there shade under the three oaks for a comfortable summer seat? Do the poplars grow at the walk, and does

the wall of the terrace stand firm?"

There is an old house in Hampshire. It looks out across a lawn at the ruins of the palace built in 1129 by King Stephen for his brother. Bishop Blois of Winchester (the Danes had sacked and burned the village only a hundred years before). Henry II sat there to discuss ways and means for the Third Crusade. Richard Coeur de Lion feasted there and celebrated his ransom while wondering how to pay back the Jews. One day before he felt for Agincourt Henry V. wrote a letter there. William of Wykeham died there. Commonwealth Irregulars laid siege to it and a Heinkel, just the other day, dropped a bomb beside its fishpond. That house has been a part of our history. It still is. It is the home of Admiral Sir Andrew Browne Cunningham, K.C.B., D.S.O.

John Knott

RAIDS LESSEN CRIME

Number Lowest Since War

The number of serious crimes reported to Scotland Yard during the past three months is the lowest since the war began. The blackout, increased street patrols and the danger of operating during air raids appear to have put the professional criminal out of business.

Confidence tricksters and other specialised crooks have disappeared. Looting and pilfering after air raids, carried out mostly by youths, has, however, increased. Drastic measures are being taken by the authorities and Scotland Yard to stamp out this war-time crime.

Provincial crime has also reached a low level. Scotland Yard's fingerprint department, which before the war dealt with hundreds of provincial inquiries daily, is now receiving only a small number each week. Several senior detectives at Scotland Yard have been transferred to the statistical department to assist in compiling reports of London air raids.

efficiency which these revelations must undoubtedly have borne into their minds?

It cannot be pretended that we are governed by the elected representatives of the people of Hongkong; nor, without cutting drift from authority could we protect ourselves, physically or economically. It would seem possible however, that the Home government could safely give local opinion a bigger say in an affair which affects us so intimately as evacuation.

America Should Act Now in Martinique

By Rear Admiral Yates Stirling Jr., U.S.N. (retired)

UNITED PRESS NAVAL EXPERT

NEW YORK, Jan. 21 (UP).—The situation involving the Vichy-controlled island of Martinique, in the West Indies, is one which the United States cannot afford to ignore.

Here is something that will not improve if left alone. It will grow steadily worse.

In Martinique are the aircraft carrier Bearn, 100 American-built warplanes, and several French like this. We know that the French naval forces there are loyal to the Vichy government. We know only too well that the power in control at Martinique—and at the nearby island of Guadeloupe—will be Nazi, if it is not already so.

There is undoubtedly a large fifth column of Germans in those islands. German pilots conceivably could be smuggled into Martinique to man those American-built planes, which used as divebombers, could commit great havoc upon the Panama Canal.

Three fast tankers are said to have been in Martinique recently. These probably were German. Martinique is an ideal base for German submarines. They may be, even now, on their way to operate from there, and might carry plane-pilots from Germany.

NOW IS THE TIME

The time for the United States to act is immediately—right now.

If the American navy should demand surrender of the French ships we must expect the French to fight. The fight might be only to the extent of saving the Frenchmen's honour. We have enough warships and planes, together with our marines, to take the islands.

We might find that, after a face-saving fight to ensure the safety of relatives in France from reprisals by Germany, the French would surrender their vessels to be interned in U. S. ports.

Social conditions on Martinique, incidentally, are said to be in a bad fix. A little hunger might precipitate a revolt. Then America would have an unquestionable reason to intervene. We could not countenance a revolution there at a critical time when the French ships might attempt to escape in event of a naval forces there are loyal to the Vichy government. We know only too well that the power in control at Martinique—and at the nearby island of Guadeloupe—will be Nazi, if it is not already so.

"ATTACHMENT" FOR DEBT

One possible course of action would be the imposition of an "attachment" on the islands of Guadeloupe and Martinique, covering the warships, planes, and \$200,000,000 in gold there, as surety for the French debt to the United States. That debt was considered more or less safe before France fell to Germany, but now it is lost unless we take action to preserve it.

The "attachment" proceeding could not be settled in any court. It would have to be honoured through physical action by U. S. armed strength. We should not allow either the planes or the gold to be taken away by the Vichy-controlled French. That gold has a purchasing value for war materials that would benefit France but Germany.

MUST FACE THE ISSUE

We must prepare a definite plan for Martinique, even if it means British for us to demand British colonies to insure being paid for helping ourselves. If Britain should go down in defeat, furthermore, surely her colonies, like Canada, would join with the United States in fighting the war to a finish on this side of the Atlantic.

President Roosevelt is said to be planning a defence inspection trip and it has been hinted that he might go to the West Indies.

If he does, it is conceivable that he might consult with Army and Navy leaders in that area to outline a plan whereby the Martinique situation will be cleared up. As Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy, he is well within his rights to act in whatever manner he sees fit for the best interests of the defence of the United States.

The idea of our buying British islands in the Western Hemisphere in case Britain's money resources are drained; and the question of whether we are to continue help to Great Britain seem, to me, far-fetched.

Are we not already committed, lock, stock and barrel to co-operation with Britain and the defeat of Hitler? If so, then everything we have should go into the pot.

AID FOR BRITAIN

With the bases already leased to us by Britain finally fortified and in operation, the United States will have plenty of defence points, without taking on new ones. And if Britain wins the war, most likely the United States and her great fleet will be conceded the right to make this hemisphere safe.

It does not seem timely or appropriate for us to demand British colonies to insure being paid for helping ourselves.

But if we are to be so mercenary as to object to saving our own hides unless the money is on the barrel-head we could do this—place an estimate on the monetary value of all British colonies in this hemisphere, make a memorandum that Britain is good for that many million, or billion, dollars.

LABOUR DEBATE

Britain Not Doing Her Utmost

LONDON, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—The debate in the House of Commons following Mr Ernest Bevin's speech revealed the current opinion that everything possible was still not being done to expedite the war effort and that there should be a greater measure of compulsion on all parties to contribute a larger measure of compulsion on all measure of labour.

This is a principle which Mr Bevin has been opposing as unnecessary.

There is difference of opinion inside the Labour movement on the issue as shown by the speech by the former Labour Minister, Mr Shinwell, who declared, "We need not be afraid of drastic, even revolutionary, methods in this country." He contended that the hopes that the last change of Government would preface a new and unified policy of comprehensive planning and complete co-ordination of the national effort had not materialised.

FOUR KILLED IN EXPLOSION

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Jan. 21 (UP).—The Ministry of Supply announced that four persons were killed in an explosion at a Scottish arms factory this afternoon. Property damage was slight.

Delhi Conference

LONDON, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—Valuable and far-reaching recommendations of the Delhi Conference are being dealt with in consultation between the British Government and other governments concerned, declared Mr L. S. Amery, Secretary for India, in reply to a question in the House of Commons to-day.

TRAWLERS SUNK

LONDON, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—Two trawlers, Manx Prince and Refundo, have been sunk, states an Admiralty communiqué.

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Japanese War Chief Reports On Third Year Of China War

Special to the "Telegraph"

TOKYO, Jan. 21 (Domei).—Reporting to the Diet on the developments of the China campaign during the past year, the War Minister, Lieut-General Hideki Tojo, declared that Chinese resistance was characterised by "lack of initiative and passiveness."

The Chinese failed to make any general counter-offensive excepting at the end of the winter offensive launched at the end of 1939 and the comparatively spirited sorties of the Communist forces in North China in August.

Attributing the sustained defensive taken by the Chinese under Chiang Kai-shek to a "decline in fighting strength," the War Minister pointed out that the Japanese forces have continued "positive and vigorous" operations in various areas.

The major blows dealt were the capture of Ichang, the joint bombing attacks against the interior Chinese bases by the Army air force with the naval air forces, the entry of military forces into French Indo-China and the interruption of Chinese supply routes.

North China

Referring to the operations in North China, the War Minister pointed out that from April to the end of June the Japanese inflicted severe defeats upon the Chinese Central Army forces in southern Shansi in the Chinese First War Zone, while from the end of August to September they successfully repulsed the sorties of the Communist forces.

From October to December the Japanese forces also carried out a series of "clean-up" campaigns against the Communist forces and their bases on the borders of Joloch, Chihai, Shansi and Shensi Provinces.

In Central China, the Japanese carried out the Ichang drive from May to the beginning of July, defeating about 50 Chinese divisions totalling 470,000 troops, making the Chinese abandon about 100,000 dead and capturing 13,000 rifles.

The capture of Ichang resulted in the further advance inland of the Japanese air bases, facilitating effective bombardment of Chungking and increasing the difficulties attending the transport of war materials by the Chinese.

South of Yangtze

During October the Japanese forces carried out operations south of the Yangtze and routed about 200,000 Chinese troops west of Hangchow, frustrating the Chinese plan to disturb the lower Yangtze delta.

In South China the Japanese forces operated near Leungkow north of Canton to facilitate the Japanese operation in the Ichang area in May and June, while advancing on Indo-China border in late June the Japanese forces completely cut off the supply route for the Chiang Kai-shek regime from there.

On September 23, the Japanese forces entered northern Indo-China under the terms of the arrangements concluded in Tokyo on August 30 and on the spot on September 22, and thus completed the interruption of supply routes to Chungking from the French colony.

Admitting the presence of defeated Chinese troops in various parts and the growth in strength of the Communist forces, the War Minister pledged that the Army will continue relentless operations in future side by side with the efforts to pacify the Chinese masses and stabilise the occupied areas.

Chungking Conditions

Referring to the internal conditions in Chungking, the War Minister asserted that the Chinese have lost 80 to 90 per cent of customs duties, salt gabelle and consolidated taxes which formerly accounted for the main sources of revenue. The index figure of commodity prices on the basis of 100 prior to the conflict in January, 1940, showed 335 but in November of the same year rose to 850.

As the Communist troops increased their strength over the preceding year, the internal strife between the Chungking and the Communist forces grew in intensity recently. The Chiang Kai-shek regime is still adhering to resistance, overestimating the aid from third Powers and hoping for increased aid in future.

The War Minister said that the Chinese still fail to understand Japan's national policy and spirit, believing that Japan will immediately suffer political or economic disruption from within.

Kennedy & Lend and Lease Bill

Opposes Measure But Has No Alternative Plan

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (UP).—At the hearings before the House Foreign Affairs Committee to-day, Mr Joseph Kennedy, former United States Ambassador to Britain said: "I am against the Bill in its present form," but when asked if he had any changes to suggest he declared: "If I had, I would be glad to state them." He said that powers to speed up national defence were "absolutely necessary."

Mr Kennedy suggested a small Congressional Committee to work with President Roosevelt on aid to Britain, advocated a time limit on the lend and lease powers, and also to limit the amount of money to be expended.

War Inevitable, He—

He told Representative George Tinkham that war would be inevitable if the United States sends any navy units to fight for Britain, convoys ships or has a ship blown up. He said he did not believe the Bill gave the President blank cheque powers. He summarized his stand to give "utmost aid to Britain because it is to our own best interests."

Asked if England had been faced with a crisis since September 1939, Mr Kennedy said: "If by 'crisis' you mean that England could fall within 60 or 90 days, I do not know on what that could be based. But the situation has been very critical since the fall of France."

Nazi Blunder

He said he did not understand why the Germans permitted the withdrawal from Dunkirk. "If the Germans have the strength to assume command of the air, a crisis might come at any moment, but it is not indicated that they have that strength."

He said that the British balloon barrage and anti-aircraft batteries were never very effective. When asked if there was any possibility of the British beating the Axis Powers, he said: "Entirely from numbers, I do not see how 1,500,000 men can drive 6,000,000 men who are armed to the teeth from any place, unless there is a revolution."

Britain Divided On Issue

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—A statement that Britain's leadership was divided on the question of the advisability of the United States becoming an active participant in the war was made by Mr Joseph P. Kennedy, former American Ambassador in London.

Mr Kennedy was testifying before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives on President Roosevelt's Bill for helping the democracies.

Replying to questions, Mr Kennedy said that some members of the British Government felt that if the United States entered the war, it would "find a way to carry it through." Others believed that entry of the United States would be to the detriment of Britain's war effort because it would slow down the flow of material aid from America.

There is no unanimity on the question," declared Mr Kennedy, who added that many people in the British Government felt that they were not yet getting all the aid that

U. S. Policies Explained

Admiral Leahy Has Long Talk With Admiral Darlan

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

VICHY, Jan. 21 (UP).—In a statement made after an hour's meeting with Admiral Darlan, the United States Ambassador Admiral Leahy said they generally surveyed the political and naval situations and that the Ambassador explained in detail President Roosevelt's policies, particularly the determination of the United States to give aid to Britain.

Admiral Leahy continued his personal contacts with most of the Cabinet Ministers. At noon to-day, he conferred with Mr Richard Allen, the Director of the American Red Cross in France, who arrived yesterday from Paris en route to Marseilles to arrange for the distribution of milk, medicines and woollens aboard a steamer which is expected soon.

Congress Supports Navy Protection Bill

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (Reuter).

By 130 votes to nil, the House of Representatives approved the appropriation of £75,000,000 to strengthen the Navy's protection against air attack.

This was the first Bill to be passed by the House at the 77th Congress.

they might normally expect from the United States.

Things Not Understood

Asked whether he expected a crisis to develop in the next 60 or 70 days, Mr Kennedy said that he did not know exactly what that meant and that there were many things in the military situation he did not understand. For example, he never understood why the German Army permitted the British Army of 300,000 to escape from Dunkirk.

If the German air force was as strong as it claimed to be, Mr Kennedy thought it should have had a perfect chance to annihilate the British force. He did not understand why the Germans had not wrought greater destruction on Britain's industrial centres.

Mr Kennedy continued: "If they have the strength to capture the air, a crisis might come any day. So far they have not indicated that they have that strength."

Nature Of War Aims

The questioner, Representative Hamilton Fish, then asked whether Mr Kennedy thought that something ought to be done to let the United States know the nature of these aims before further aid for Britain was proceeded with. Mr Kennedy said that he did not understand the question and suggested that it was one for the State Department.

Mr Kennedy declared that "some people at the top in Britain felt that they were not getting the kind of help that they would expect from the United States."

Mr Fish asked whether it was fair to the British people "for us to intimate" that the United States would be in a possible continental invasion. Mr Kennedy replied, "I don't believe that we have ever done that officially."

Mr Fish asked if there was any truth in the reports that Britain was "going Socialist." Mr Kennedy said that the Labour and Socialist parties were becoming more important. He added that nobody had the right to assume that conditions would ever go back to what they were.

Paying tribute to British morale, Mr Kennedy said, "I can't imagine anything better. There is a great deal less turmoil there than among the people I have met in the United States." It's just a question of plain

JAPAN'S FINANCIAL YEAR

Foreign Trade Still Grows

TOKYO, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—Japan's foreign trade continued to grow in 1940 despite the European war. The volume of commerce with nations outside the yen bloc was almost as large as in 1939.

Mr Isao Kawada, Minister of Finance, made this announcement in the House of Representatives to-day, introducing the record-breaking 6,863,000,000 yen ordinary budget.

The exports of 3,972,000,000 yen increased by one per cent, while imports of 3,709,000,000 yen gained 10 per cent with a favourable balance of 263,000,000 yen.

Japan-Soviet Fisheries

Temporary Agreement

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" TOKYO, Jan. 21 (Domei).—Concerning the report that a fishery agreement has been concluded at Moscow between Japan and the Soviet Union, the Foreign Minister, Mr Yosuke Matsuoka, in his address to the Diet to-day, said that a provisional arrangement regarding the Soviet-Japanese fisheries has been agreed upon while an agreement has also been reached for setting up a Soviet-Japanese mixed commission for the conclusion of a formal fishery treaty.

The Board of Information announced that the agreement is to be signed early this morning.

Long Negotiations

MOSCOW, Jan. 21 (Domei).—Signed at 1 a.m. to-day between the Foreign Commissar, M. Vinicheslav Molotov, and the Japanese Ambassador, Lieut-General Yoshitsugu Tula, the new modus vivendi showed an unexpectedly sudden conclusion to negotiations which were temporarily given up at the end of last year. The negotiations started on December 13 and seven conversations were held up to December 30.

Terms Of Lease

TOKYO, Jan. 22 (Domei).—The Board of Information announced: 1. The existing Japanese-Soviet convention will remain in force as it is to the end of this year.

2. The said modus vivendi is to be replaced by a new fishery convention to be concluded during this year.

The said modus vivendi was not concluded before because of the Soviet proposal with respect to the method of payment for the rental for the leased fishery lots, which would increase enormously the burden on the fishing concerns. The Soviet Government, however, have agreed to withdraw this proposal resulting in an amicable settlement of the question on the basis of additional payment by Japan for this year of the amount equivalent to 20 per cent of the rental for the leased fishery lots and of local tax.

Bomber Fund Raffle

More Prizes Donated

Prizes donated yesterday afternoon for the Bomber Fund raffle were as follows:

Ten Prizes: One ton of Household Coal each, delivered free to winners. Donated by John Manners & Co., Ltd. One 12 foot Canoe and paddles. Donated by A. King Slipway.

Two Prizes: One case of Texaco Motor Oil, each containing ten 1-gallon tins. Donated by The Texas Company (China) Ltd.

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Broadway Model Radio Receiver, value \$255. Donated by the R.C.A. Manufacturing Co., Inc. in conjunction with the Clipper Merchandising Company.

Lafayette 8-tube All-Wave Super-heterodyne Radio Phonograph Combination. Value \$300. Donated by the China Electric Company.

Four Prizes. "Innox" Beauty Cases. Valued \$37.50; \$30; \$30; \$22.50. Donated by the Colonial Dispensary.

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One Case John Hall Dimple Scots Whisky. Donated by Messrs Gande, Price & Co., Ltd.

Roosevelt Prepares Emergency Orders

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt at a press conference to-day said that he "supposed" that 50 executive orders of all kinds had been drawn up "to meet the contingencies."

He added that perhaps one of them provides for freezing United States assets of all European countries. The orders had been drafted as a precautionary measure so as to be ready in case they were needed suddenly, he said.

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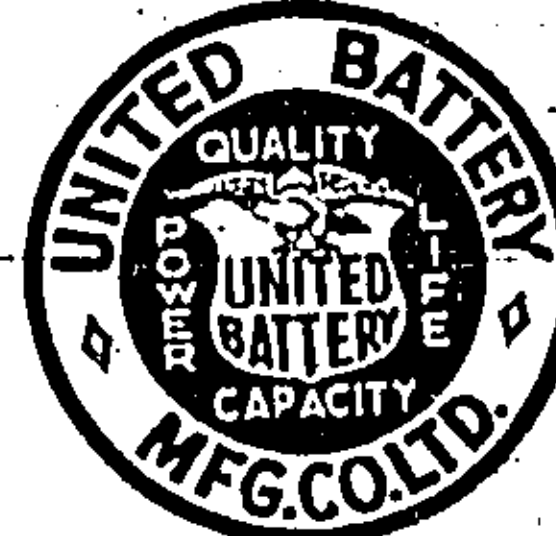


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Around The Courses Playing Conditions Improved

Why Blame The Lie?

Return Match Between Kowloon and Country Club

(By "Birdie")

THE BREAK in the weather at Fanling and Shoungshui on Sunday was welcome to golfers, and several of the competitions there were able to get under way. The benefit of the fall was found on the greens, which, even the sand ones at the Country Club, were very playable.

First round matches of the Captain's Cup and the Men's Foursomes, and the final of the Women's Championship were played at the Country Club, while the first round matches of the Junior Championship were settled at the R.H.K.G.C.

The Kowloon Golf Club course is one that takes more favourably to rain, by which of course, I don't mean the stuff that fell last year. New bunkers are going up around the short 2nd, forcing a player to pitch on the green to avoid trouble.

Bunkers around greens are the only means of teaching people to play approach shots correctly, and at Kowloon there is very little danger of over-running once one lands on them.

Playing on this course on Saturday last, one of the members found his ball "plugged". He complained and then lifted—though I don't think there is a penalty—continued.

This reminds me of a story I heard of Joe Kirkwood during one of his exhibition games in England. He was showing that it was not the lie that counted but the method of playing.

To demonstrate, he stamped his ball into the soft turf, until only the tip was showing, and then with his brassie ploughed through that turf, lifting a sizeable divot, and knocked the ball quite some distance.

In further elaboration of this—that the player is at fault and not the lie—Dick Metz in a tournament in America last year played a shot which was called "the shot of the year" when his ball had become deeply imbedded in a bank behind one of the greens.

He took out a niblick and literally spaded through that bank to lift out his ball and place it within two feet of the pin.

These are, of course, isolated shots, but they do show that several balls that are generally deemed "unplayable" are really playable.

OWING to the rain that prevented the playing of the Captain's Cup and the Men's Foursomes first round matches at the Country Club on the scheduled date, the annual President v. Captain's match which was to have been held this Sunday had been postponed until later in the year.

The second round matches of these competitions, which should have been played last Sunday, will be played this week-end.

Miss A. Sequeira established definite superiority over Mrs. F. E. A. Remedios when she won the women's championship of the Country Club by 3 and 1 last Sunday. They met

Kotewall Cup Match To-day Postponed

The Kotewall Cup football match between Navy and Army, which was to have been played at Caroline Hill this afternoon at 4 p.m., has been postponed as Navy are unable to field a side.

previously in the Ladies Cup final, which was also won by Miss Sequeira.

Mrs. A. J. Kew, last year's champion, was not defending her title.

THE return match between Kowloon and the Country Club has been fixed for Sunday, March 30. It is unfortunate that the morning of that date is taken up with firing on the Kowloon ranges, and, therefore, singles matches will not be included.

Lunch at the Kowloon Club and four-balls in the afternoon is the programme, and a real enjoyable time is anticipated.

STARTING times, which had hitherto been found unnecessary in the comparative smallness of the Country Club, were inaugurated last Sunday, and as a solution to congestion they were admirable. One or two minor difficulties cropped up, but they were dealt with satisfactorily.

There was the question of what should be done to a match player who turns up late. On strict lettering, the opponent is entitled to claim a walk-over, but when the difference is only a few minutes it is not considered—but their starting time has been lost. Where do they fit in?

For the purposes of matches, it is ruled that provided other players are not pushed back, the match players may take over the first available space in the list. Normally, of course, the defaulting players would have to take their turn at the end of the list.



Catcher C. Motta, of the Wildcats, swinging round on a low one. M. Campos, receiving for the Reds. Hal. Winglee calling behind the plate.—Ming Yuen.

Home Soccer Fixtures For Saturday

LONDON, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—The following are the football fixtures for Saturday, January 25:

LONDON CUP
Chelsea v. Brentford; Crystal Pal. v. Fulham; Queens' P. R. v. Aldershot; Clapton O. v. Reading; Tottenham v. Millwall; Westham v. Arsenal.

LEAGUE—SOUTH
Preston v. Bournemouth; Southampton v. Brighton; Watford v. Southamption.

MIDLAND CUP
Luton v. Northampton; Mansfield v. Lincoln; Notts F. v. Leicester; Walsall v. West Brom.

COMBINED COUNTIES CUP
Semi-final
Leeds v. Huddersfield.

LANCASHIRE CUP
Blackpool v. Manchester C.; Burnley v. Everton; Manchester U. v. Bolton; New Brighton v. Chester.

NORTH REGIONAL
Barnsley v. Bradford C.; Chesterfield v. Middlesbrough; Doncaster v. Rotherham; Liverpool v. Oldham; Newcastle v. Sheffield Wed.; Rochdale v. Crewe; Stockport v. Southport; York v. Hull.

SOUTH REGIONAL
Cardiff v. Swansea; Stoke v. Notts C.; **OTHER MATCH**
Scottish F. A. v. Army XI.

Hockey Trials To Select Team To Meet Macao

An interport hockey trial to select Hongkong's team to meet Macao in Macao in February will be held on the Club ground, King's Park, on Saturday at 3.30 p.m. Following are the teams:

Colours—V. M. Benwell (YM.C.A.); V. Bond (Club); Grosvenor; H. Hassan (Khalas); W. A. Reed (Club); R. D. Whitley (Club); Teja Singh (Police); P. S. D. Whitley (Club); Cpl Hitchcock (Royal Scots); J. Fonseca (Whites); U. B. Souza (Khalas); A. M. Xavier (Nomads); Man Singh (Police); R. Alves (Recreio); Capt. Woods (Haitiana Rifles); D. McLellan (Club); Narwant Singh (Police); L/Cpl Shaw (Engineers); Guabachan Singh (Khalas); M. Akram (Punjab); Lieut. J. Rose (Punjab).

The following are also requested to attend—E. Fowler (C.A.A.); Jasbir Singh (Police); R. Marques (Recreio); Sgt. Waldron (Middlesbrough); B. I. Dickford (Club); J. Gonsalves (Recreio); R. J. Reed (Nomads); Capt. Kampta Parasad (Punjab).

Selection
Following the trial 15 players will be selected and the Colony's team will be chosen on the date of the match from these. Several practice matches for these 15 players will be arranged. The first will take place on Tuesday on the Club ground at 2.30 p.m. against a team yet to be nominated. The Selection Committee have not yet been informed by the Army Sports Board whether Army players will be able to make the trip but the Committee have every reason to believe that the Sports Board will make known its decision before Saturday. Members of the Selection Committee are Lieut. J. P. Guinan (Royal Navy), Capt. Cartwright-Taylor (Royal Engineers), K. Hussain (Civilians), V. M. Benwell (Hon. Secretary).

Snooker Match

A friendly snooker match will be held between Kowloon Police and Royal Army Medical Corps, the Army team Billiards Champions, at the Water Police Station at 8 p.m. on Sunday. Police will be represented by Sub-Insp. Bradwell and Sergeants Pile, Pope, Matches, Johnston and Haynes.

Wildcats' Sixth Inning Rally Defeats Recreo Ramblarettes

Wahoos White-wash Las Florinhas To Stay In Pennant Race

(By "Ball Fan")

Games, scheduled in the men's section of the local softball leagues were curtailed considerably for the second successive week-end as Hongkong's winter liquid sunshine put in its drizzly appearance over the Kowloon ball park.

Three tilts were played in the Ladies League before the avalanche of raindrops came down, with Doc Molthen's Red Bird Cardinals eking out a 14-13 win over Baby Panthers in a spotlighted rip-roaring battle for an upper mid-section berth.

Daddy Sousa's Liga ball-chasers went down fighting after ten innings to the strong R.A.F. skyriders 8-7, while Recreo Bees hung the old "sling" on Royal Engineers 11-6. Canadian Chinese lassies held V. Marques' Standard Oil stars to a 7 all draw in a tough exhibition game.

Nip Lum's star-studded Wildcats, scenting the Ladies Major championship in the near distant, overwhelmed a weakened Recreo nine 21-6 behind the steady hurling of Theina Colloco.

For five innings the Recreo femmes battled the all-star felines run-for-run, but weakened terribly in the sixth when the Wildcat power brigade broke loose with a desperate thirteen run surge, clinching the issue beyond doubt.

The powerful willow-clubbing of the four Mar sisters from El Paso, who made eight of the winners twelve hits, featured this struggle which sent "Michaelmas" Mendonca's cuties to the cleaners with their eighth loss of the year.

Shut-out Victory
"CONTROL" ball! Terry Noronha added the word perfect to her offerings out at the ball park on Sunday morning, when she led her Wahoo rangers to a 10-0 shut-out victory over Las Florinhas tottering daisies, to stay within striking distance of the league leaders.

The greenhorns—Owls merely breezed home, behind their steady slab flinger, in chalking up their ninth win. Rookie second baseman S. Castro played bang-up ball for the winners with Jackie Anderson, stellar backstop ball-collector also sharing the story.

Need Out
DOC Molthen's fighting Cardinal headed closer to the selected division in the girls loop when they slammed through to a Merrillwin win over Xavier's Baby Panthers 14-13.

Effie Babida, Red Bird mound ace, playing with a painful leg injury, weakened in the last two frames, to watch eight Panther pettico felder, covered the left side tallies cross the old-platter, but came through in the clutch to stave off the rally.

Betty Fitzgerald, slugging shortstop, paced the winner with four bingles, while Grandma Hutchison, astute third baseman brought in two runs with heavy willow-banging.

Junior Section
PLAYING with only seven ball-chasers, Daddy Sousa's Liga gang crumbled before the dive-bombing hits of the R.A.F. line-up in a ten inning Junior loop game. Recreo Bees retained their hold on fourth place with an 11-6 win over the subway-dwelling Royal Engineers.

Exhibition
TN an exhibition game at Marina, the Maple Leaf Canuckettes tied V. Marques' Socony Oilers in a "dingho" contest. The Oilers found trouble in connecting with Mary Ng's offerings, while Mavis Chang, petite felder, covered the left side tallies cross the old-platter, but came through in the clutch to stave off the rally.

Royal Engineers "B" Win Army Small Units Rugby League

DESERVEDLY, through better all-round team work, Royal Engineers "B" captured top honours in the Army Small Units Rugby League yesterday when they beat Royal Scots "B" 9 points (three tries) to nil, after leading 3-0 at the interval.

It was a great day for Birrell, who scored all three tries for Sappers. The former Army players and left wing three was in brilliant form despite the handicap of the ground.

The backs, too, were in the lime-light with excellent handling of a slippery and heavy ball.

First blood was following a fine bout of passing among the backs, the ball passing down the line from right to left where Birrell obtained eventual possession and touched down to the left of the posts. The try was not converted.

Near Effort

Shortly before the interval, however, Scots seemed about to level the scores, and possibly take the lead, when Hunter took the ball to within five yards of Sappers' line. He was, however, tackled safely and Foley gathered and kicked to touch.

Second try was 12 minutes after the commencement of the second half. Birrell gathered from Martin, side-stepped two Scots just inside the sideline, and scored wide of the posts. The try was not converted.

Then came the final try by Birrell following a long dribble.

Col. Simpson presented the winners and losers with medals.

Major Curran (R.A.M.C.) refereed, and the teams were:

Royal Engineers "B"—Taylor; Costen; Reese; Martin and Birrell; Jones and Foley; Wilcox, Cunningham, Kileen; Apperly, Davis, Sheldrake, G. Taylor and Drinkley.

Royal Scots "B"—Stevenson; O'Brien; Bateman; Hanson and Marshall; Phillips and Gracie; Livingstone, Mackenzie, Durie; Dickson; Neilan; 2/Lieut. Hunter, however, Leighton.

TO-DAY'S MATCH CANCELLED

The Club A rugby game on the Club ground this afternoon has been cancelled.

Japanese Swimming Exhibition To-morrow

Members of the Rikkyo University swimming team, who recently won the All-Philippine Swimming Championships, will give an exhibition in the European Y.M.C.A. pool to-morrow at 2 p.m.

Army Champion In Exhibition Snooker Match

CPL J. H. HARVEY, Army billiards and snooker champion, was opposed to A. P. Pereira, Hongkong Volunteers, in an exhibition snooker match at the Y.M.C.A. last night, and though successful in the best of three frames, lost on aggregate by 140-182.

The scores were (Harvey first) 15-96, 63-58, 62-28.

Pereira took the first frame by such an outstanding margin that it seemed most likely he would be the winner, but in the second and third frames, when Harvey had settled down, there was a different tale to tell.

The closeness of the scores in the second frame tells its own story. It was an even and exciting game. This continued in the final frame, the score running to 28-all, but thereafter Pereira was unable to score another point, and Harvey ran out winner by 62-28.

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Czecho-Slovak Institute Opened In London

LONDON, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—"In these coming months we shall need all our strength and courage and all the help that free peoples can give us. There is no margin to spare. Yet our faith in final victory is unshaken. We know that we must win through."

Thus declared Mr Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, at the opening in London of the Czecho-Slovak Institute established by the British Council as a national centre for Czecho-Slovaks in Britain who now number 15,000.

The King in a message to President Benes wrote, "The Institute will form a happy link between our two peoples in the pursuit of those ideals of liberty and justice to which both are so wholeheartedly attached."

Mr Eden also declared that it would not be so long before the tyrant in whose clutches Czecho-Slovakia was held, was utterly overthrown. The Czechs were now fighting side by side with the forces of Britain, Poland and other allies with the fire and determination of men who would not endure bondage. From time to time he was greatly moved and encouraged by news of some noble act of opposition by those gallant Czechs who had now to suffer the rule of Hitler's Gestapo.

In reply, Dr Benes expressed the Czech determination to increase and deepen Anglo-Czech friendship "once the world is rid of Hitler's vulgar gangsterism."

Referring to Mr Eden's allusion to the struggle of the Czechs at home against Nazi oppression, Dr Benes said, "They deserve your praise and they will not fail you."

RANGOON, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—Major General R. H. Dewing, Chief of the Combined Staff of the different services under the C.-in-C., Far East, and Wing Commander Yarde have arrived here.

Food For British Prisoners

REASONS FOR DELAY INVESTIGATED

LONDON, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—The difficulty of getting food parcels by tortuous routes to sorely-pressed British war prisoners in Germany was again raised in the House of Commons to-day.

It was officially disclosed that over 250,000 parcels were despatched by the General Post Office during the past month and that during December 100,000 parcels and over 100 tons of food left Geneva for camps in Germany.

The War Secretary, Captain David Margesson, said that a special commissioner which had gone to Lisbon to investigate the delay in transmission of the parcels had ascertained that the parcels were seriously delayed in transmission across the Iberian Peninsula and France.

Ships had been chartered to convey parcels by sea direct to Marseilles or other convenient ports. Parcels had also been sent by a new over-land route through Portugal, Spain and occupied France direct to camps in Germany and if this route was successful, it would be developed.

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Danish Minister In Chungking

CHUNGKING, Jan. 22 (Central News).—Mr Hjalmar Collins, Danish Minister to China, arrived here from Shanghai via Hongkong yesterday. He will make a brief stay in the capital and will call on Chinese government authorities.

Mr Collins presented his credentials to Mr Lin Sen, Chairman of the National Government, on June 18 last year. He went to Shanghai after the presentation.

CHUNGKING, Jan. 22 (Central News).—General Hwang Hsu-chu, Chairman of the Kwangsi Provincial Government, arrived in Chungking from Kweilin by plane yesterday. He will see Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

French Cameroons Join Britain's Economy Plan

LONDON, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—An economic agreement relating to the French Cameroons has been concluded between the British Government and General de Gaulle's Council of Defence.

The British Government undertakes to purchase the total output of cocoa, palm kernels, palm oil, ground nuts and beniseed from the French Cameroons as well as nearly the whole production of coffee and a large proportion of the production of bananas.

On these commodities and timber, regarding which a separate agreement is foreshadowed, the French Cameroons depend. While ensuring the livelihood of the population, the agreement gives Britain useful commodities that it can absorb.

The agreement has fixed the rate of exchange for the French Cameroons at 176.025 francs to the pound.

The agreement is retrospective, covering the second year of the war. A similar agreement relating to French Equatorial Africa is almost ready for signature.

Diet Hears Navy Report Minesweeping And Blockade

TOKYO, Jan. 21 (Domei).—The Imperial Japanese Navy River Flotilla has disposed of 750 mines on the Yangtze, the Navy Minister Admiral K. Oikawa, told the Diet to-day.

Since the middle of July the naval forces in accordance with tactical necessity completely prohibited shipping traffic in Pinghu, Wenchow and other important points along the China coast. Surprise attacks have been carried out against Chinese military bases along the coast.

The most daring operations in the year were carried out by the naval air force which since the end of April to October have continuously bombed various inland bases in Szechuen, especially Chungking.

While the naval aircraft in South China are still continuing attacks against the Burma road, the naval air force in Central China is also continuing vigorous activity in the Szechuen area.

The losses inflicted on the enemy air force by the Fleet air arm during the past year amounted to about 320 while the Japanese suffered 11 planes lost.

The marine forces operating in Hainan Island in March and April mopped up remnant Chinese troops and drove them deep into the mountainous region.

The Fleet forces effectively supported the Army in the entry into French Indo-China by transporting and escorting them by sea.

Loss of Submarine

The Navy Minister then made a special statement regarding the sinking of Submarine I-77 in August last year. The disaster occurred about 3 p.m. about 600 miles south of Tokyo Bay while the fleet was engaged in manoeuvres.

The undersea craft was last observed by an aeroplane which happened to fly in the vicinity. At that moment the ship was seen beginning submerging operation but since that moment communication with the ship was totally lost. The fleet at once searched in the surrounding area but failed to obtain any traces of the missing ship. The matter was made public on October 25.

Midland Bank Safes Indestructible

LONDON, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—Not a single safe or strong room has been destroyed in the Midland Bank, one of the largest banks in Britain with branches throughout the country.

This was disclosed by the Chairman, Mr Reginald McKenna, in the annual statement which circulated to shareholders in place of the usual speech "in view of the possibility of the meeting being interrupted by an alert."

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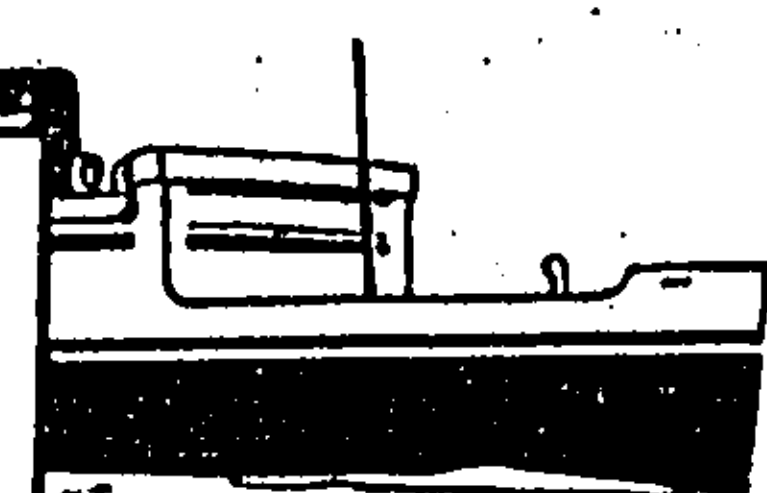
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Advance Into Eritrea Mr. Boothby Is Censured And Resigns

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fied Sea port of Massawa.

Abyssinian Army
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SOMEWHERE IN THE SUDAN.

Jan. 21 (Reuters). There is a rattle of musketry and hundreds of tall dark men clad in white jubbabs and khaki shorts leap from their cover of thorn bushes and advance in open order across the desert to where in the midst of a group of tall staff-stands a small bearded, khaki-clad figure wearing a topee and with the crossed swords of a General on his epaulet.

Emperor Haile Selassie is watching the exercises by the new Free Army of Ethiopia which is being trained in the Sudan by British, South African and Rhodesian officers. After the exercises, the Emperor drives to the parade ground in the middle encampment composed of low matting huts and stands at the salute while the cream of his troops, shouldering more of Britain's modern rifles, march past in long files, throwing out great clouds of dust.

At their head rides the Crown Prince of Ethiopia mounted on a magnificent white charger. The Emperor smiles as he sees his son salute once again the ancient Haile Selassie and stand at the end of a fighting army ready for battle.

White Officers

The Emperor told me to-day that he was well pleased with the progress and bearing of the troops, which he attributed to British officers. These officers, some of them well over six feet in height, were formerly graziers and white hunters in Rhodesia and school-masters, now having a knowledge of Abyssinia. One former Sudan District Commissioner is among them.

All commands are given in English and one burly Ethiopian sergeant was heard to say "pick'em up, you sons of Africa." Troops are trained in all the arts of war. They include men from distant parts of Abyssinia and former refugees in Kenya from the Italian invasion.

During the long journeys in twos, threes or larger bands, they stole rifles and machine-guns and attacked where possible. The Emperor's second son, Duke Kerra, is now under training with the British and he will shortly take a command. He was formerly in the Wellington College Officers' Training Corps.

A constant stream of Abyssinian troops and camel convoys of arms is finding its way into the Abyssinian interior where British artillery manned by Abyssinians already in position.

Assal Supplies Hit

CAIRO, Jan. 21 (Reuters).—The R.A.F. has raided Assal and registered direct hits on the supply depot.

The South African air force successfully bombed Neghelli in Abyssinia. Administrative buildings surrounding a major transport park were set on fire and completely gutted, and a large number of vehicles in the car park were destroyed or damaged.

From all operations, all British aircraft returned. The communiqué adds that one British fighter, reported as not having returned to its base of January 18, is now reported to be safe.

NO BLITZ OVER BRITAIN

LONDON, Jan. 21 (Reuters).—There has been considerable enemy air activity over the eastern part of England during daylight to-day, but no important attack developed.

It is officially stated that a few bombs fell in the outskirts of London and points in the home and eastern countries.

Some damage was done to houses but very few casualties were reported.

Housewives Fight Fires

LONDON, Jan. 21 (UP).—The third daylight warnings which lasted over an hour were sounded soon after the all clear of the second alarm and lasted an hour.

Planes were heard flying low but could not be seen on account of the clouds.

During the second alarm a raider dropped a considerable number of fire bombs on the outskirts of London. This is a very rare occurrence during a daylight raid. Women put aside their household tasks, manned buckets of sand, spades, shovels, and stirrup pumps and doused the incendiary bombs within a few minutes, and then returned to their kitchens.

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SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 21 (UP).—Mr. Robert Boothby, Parliamentary Under Secretary of the Ministry of Food has resigned.

A select committee censured Mr. Boothby in connection with his activities in supporting the liquidation of British claims in the accounts with Czechoslovakia from the British loan to Czechoslovakia. The committee which probed into Mr. Boothby's conduct for a week issued a statement saying: "His conduct is contrary to usage and derogatory to the dignity of the House of Commons and inconsistent with the standards that Parliament expects from its members."

Resents Form of Inquiry

LONDON, Jan. 21 (Reuters).—Mr. Robert Boothby, Parliamentary Under Secretary to the Ministry of Food, in a letter to the Prime Minister tendering his resignation, states that his decision was not dictated by the findings of the Select Committee.

He adds, "I have felt for some time that it would be my duty to resign even if the Committee exonerated me, for I considered that the way in which the case was prepared and presented is without parallel or precedent in Parliamentary history."

"My only regret is that the way in which I have been treated prevented me rendering service to a cause for which I have fought as long as you have yourself."

"I reserve all further comment on these matters for my constituents and the House of Commons."

"I profoundly deplore this interruption to an association with you which I have deeply and sincerely valued."

Free China Posts

Chungking Announcements

CHUNGKING, Jan. 22 (Central News).—Mr. Yang Yi-tsu, Anhwei Finance Commissioner, has been relieved of his post and Mr. Kwai Ching-chiu, member the Anhwei Provincial Government, has been appointed to serve as Finance Commissioner concurrently.

Messrs. Yao Hsien-nai, Hu Mai, Wang Li-cheng, Sun Li-sung and Sun Yu-fu have been appointed respectively Secretary, Director of the 1st Department and Director of the 2nd Department of the National Relief Commission.

Messrs. Tam Shao-chiao and Liu Chen-tung have been appointed respectively Director and Vice-Director of the Anhwei Food Control Bureau, and Mr. Chow I-to has been appointed Director of Fudien Food Control Bureau.

Mr. Chiang Fu-jui has been appointed Director of the National Central Library.

Britons Warned Of Crisis

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sandor-designate to the United States, is not sailing as scheduled.

U.S. And Matsuo Speech

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (UP).—Washington officials declined to comment on Mr. Matsuo's speech. Circles close to the Government regarded the tone to be calmer than usual but clearly revealing much divergence in United States-Japanese view points, indicating that a disastrous split is possible at any time.

Mr. Matsuo's comment on a new order in East Asia enhanced the impression which Mr. Hull suggested last week that Japan had aligned herself with the axis Powers to promote a great revolution against existing world order. They declared that Mr. Matsuo largely ignored the historically established interests in East Asia.

Mr. Matsuo's reference to the Thai dispute aroused special interest since it is regarded as a special hint of direct intervention. Japanese movements in Thailand would cause serious concern because it is so close to Singapore.

Report Denied

LONDON, Jan. 21 (Domei).—Reports that the British Consulate in Tokyo has advised Britons to leave Japan "before the impending crisis in the Japan-United States relations comes to a head," were emphatically denied by authoritative quarters.

Antonescu's Troops & Iron Guards Clash

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Other reports are that the disorders may be part of a coup intended by Leftist followers of ex-King Carol and others trying to overthrow the Germans and pro-German Iron Guard.

German troops removed from Giurgiu are reported to have been rushed to Bucharest and elsewhere.

Contrary Reports

ROME, Jan. 21 (Reuters).—Some of the Ministers in Bucharest are guarded by Police and the wireless station is protected by a military guard according to Bucharest newspapers quoted here.

The newspapers publish accounts of demonstrations staged by certain members of the Iron Guard on Monday evening but emphasise that these were of an orderly nature and insist that order prevails in Bucharest.

A communiqué has been issued in Bucharest dealing with the murder of Major Doehring of the German Military Mission, who was attacked outside the headquarters of the mission by a man who is said to have fired five shots.

A decree published by a Rumanian official journal says that the death sentence will be applied for the murder of German soldiers in Rumania.

Ten prominent members of the Greek colony in Bucharest have been arrested in connection with the murder of Major Doehring, according to a Bucharest despatch to the German News Agency.

Attempted Assassination

LONDON, Jan. 21 (Reuters).—An attempt on the life of Colonel Oreschunu, described as the Director General of the Rumanian railways, was made in Bucharest to-day according to the official German News Agency.

The assailants entered Oreschunu's office and fired several shots, wounding him, but further details of the crime are not yet available.

Assassin Executed

BERLIN, Jan. 21 (UP).—German sources stated that a foreign assassin of a German officer in Bucharest was executed this morning following a court martial. They said the officer's name was Major Doehring.

The assassin is alleged to have entered Rumania by using a Turkish passport. Following the slaying, General Antonescu ordered the arrest of ten prominent Greeks in Bucharest.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday says: The usual daily enquiries continue resulting in good turnover, and higher prices paid for Wharves, Providents and Electrics.

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Electrics "N" \$40.75
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Ropes \$8.35
Watsons \$11
Vibro Piling \$7.70

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Electrics "O" \$40.75
Electrics "N" \$40.50
Cements \$10
Watsons \$11

ALL FOR WAR WORK

BRITISH MEN AND WOMEN TO BE REGISTERED

LONDON, Jan. 21. The Minister for Labour, Mr. Ernest Bevin, announced in the Commons to-day a drastic plan to register men and women of working age for war work and transfer them from non-essential occupations to war industry.

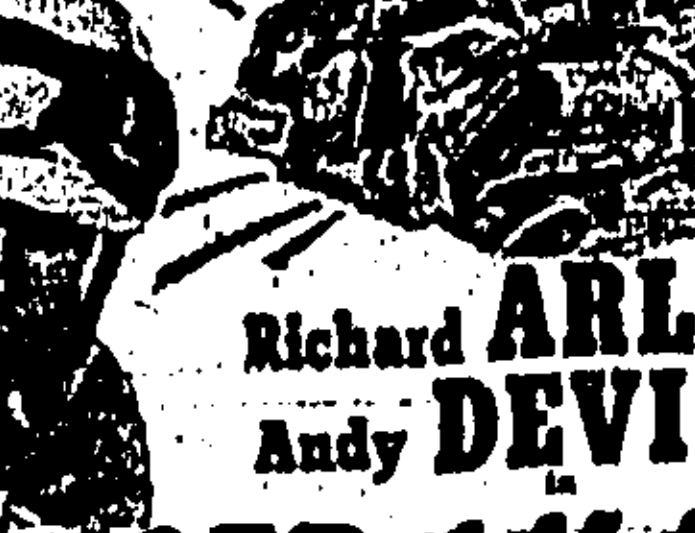
He said the transfer would be largely effected voluntarily, but indicated the use of compulsion if necessary.—United Press.

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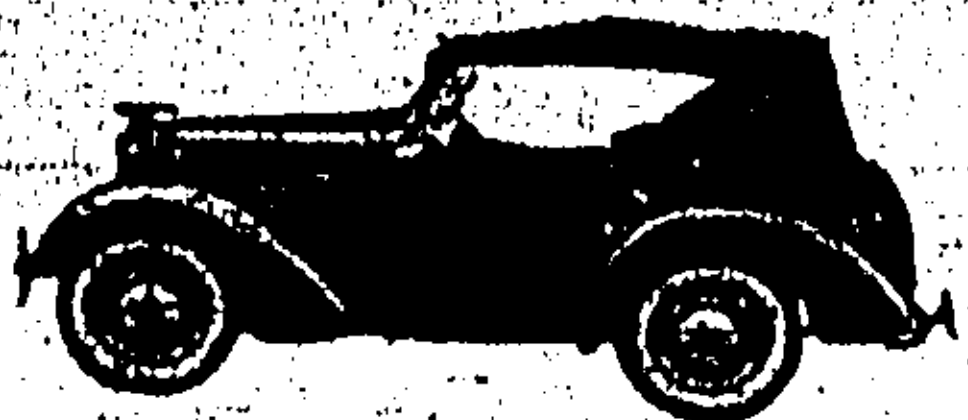
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BRITISH TROOPS PENETRATE FIVE MILES INSIDE TOBRUK DEFENCES

Many Prisoners Taken Including General: Italian Cruiser Ablaze

CAIRO, JAN. 21 (REUTER).—BRITISH PENETRATION OF BOTH THE OUTER AND INNER DEFENCES OF TOBRUK TO A DEPTH OF FIVE MILES IS ANNOUNCED IN A SPECIAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED TO-NIGHT FROM G.H.Q. AT CAIRO.

THE COMMUNIQUE READS: "SHORTLY AFTER NOON TO-DAY, IMPERIAL FORCES, ACTIVELY SUPPORTED BY THE ROYAL NAVY AND THE ROYAL AIR FORCE, SUCCESSFULLY PENETRATED BOTH THE OUTER AND INNER DEFENCES OF TOBRUK TO A DEPTH OF OVER FIVE MILES ON A BROAD FRONT."

"The advance is continuing. Many prisoners have already been taken, including one Italian General."

"The Italian cruiser, San Giorgio, in Tobruk harbour, is in flames, as are also a number of dumps of stores and petrol."

BIG ADVANCE BY THAI TROOPS

French Garrison Besieged

Special to the "Telegraph"

SAIGON, Jan. 21 (UP).—Large mechanized Thai forces yesterday penetrated into Indo-China towards two Cambodian cities, about 21 miles inside the border; they crossed the Mekong River north of Pakse.

BRITONS WARNED OF CRISIS

Urged To Evacuate Japan

TOKYO, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—Considerable anxiety was caused among foreign residents in the Tokyo and Yokohama area to-day on receipt by British residents in Yokohama of written advice from the Consul General, Mr W. McVittie, "to leave Japan by regular shipping routes before the impending crisis in Japanese-American relations comes to a head."

Mr McVittie said that his motive was only to send a "limited number" and he declined to elucidate his expectations regarding Japanese-American relations. The notification pointed out that in case of war, all sailings would be cancelled and a hurried evacuation would be impossible; the British would not be free to use their money and property, they would not be able to communicate with their Consuls and they might be interned.

Japanese officials profess ignorance of any development likely to inspire such a warning.

U.S. And Matsuka Speech
WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (UP).—Washington officials declined to comment on Back Page, Column 3

DISABLED WARSHIP'S GUNS USED

The Tobruk Action

By Richard MacMillan
UNITED PRESS WAR CORRESPONDENT

With The British Army, Jan. 21 (UP).—The Italians strengthened their artillery fire from Tobruk by using the big guns taken from the disabled cruiser San Giorgio which the R.A.F. bombed and hit early in the war. The cruiser was grounded in order to prevent her from sinking.

The anti-aircraft guns from the cruiser were utilized to support the barrage. Italian planes are now concentrated in the airfields around Benghazi, particularly at Benina and Berka. Armoured car reconnaissance has shown that the sea-plane base at Bomba is entirely deserted.

The British advance columns have consolidated their positions along the coast. The R.A.F. raided Derna repeatedly. Pilots who participated in the raids report no sign of enemy aircraft while the anti-aircraft fire is not severe and not nearly so sustained as at Tobruk.

Night patrols investigating the Tobruk defences found the outer circle of forts, which do not appear to be strong as those at Bardia.

German Claims

BERLIN, Jan. 21 (UP).—Informed German circles announced that during last Sunday's bombardment of Malta, a British destroyer, as well as the aircraft-carrier Illustrious was hit.

Attack Described

("REUTER'S" SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

CAIRO, Jan. 21. — After steadily investing the town for nearly three weeks, Britain's Army of the Nile launched an attack on Tobruk early to-day.

The blinding sandstorms that had been sweeping the desert almost continually for the past week had hampered the final stages of the operations. The troops had to force a way through yellow clouds of sand which reduced visibility sometimes to a few yards.

This offensive has been prepared as carefully as that at Bardia. Patrols have gone out at night gathering intelligence information with regard to the Italian defences. They have found tank traps surrounding Tobruk so deep in places that they had to bring up ladders in order to enter and measure their size.

The outer perimeter of the defences is about 30 miles in circumference. Unlike Bardia, Tobruk has a second line of defences, with a circumference of about 11 miles. The outer circle is barbed-wired all round, presenting a formidable task for the preliminary work of destruction by our engineers.

R.A.F. Bomb Tobruk

CAIRO, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—Simultaneously with the announcement that British forces have launched an attack on Tobruk, a report was heavily relayed by bomber aircraft of the R.A.F. during the night of January 19-20.

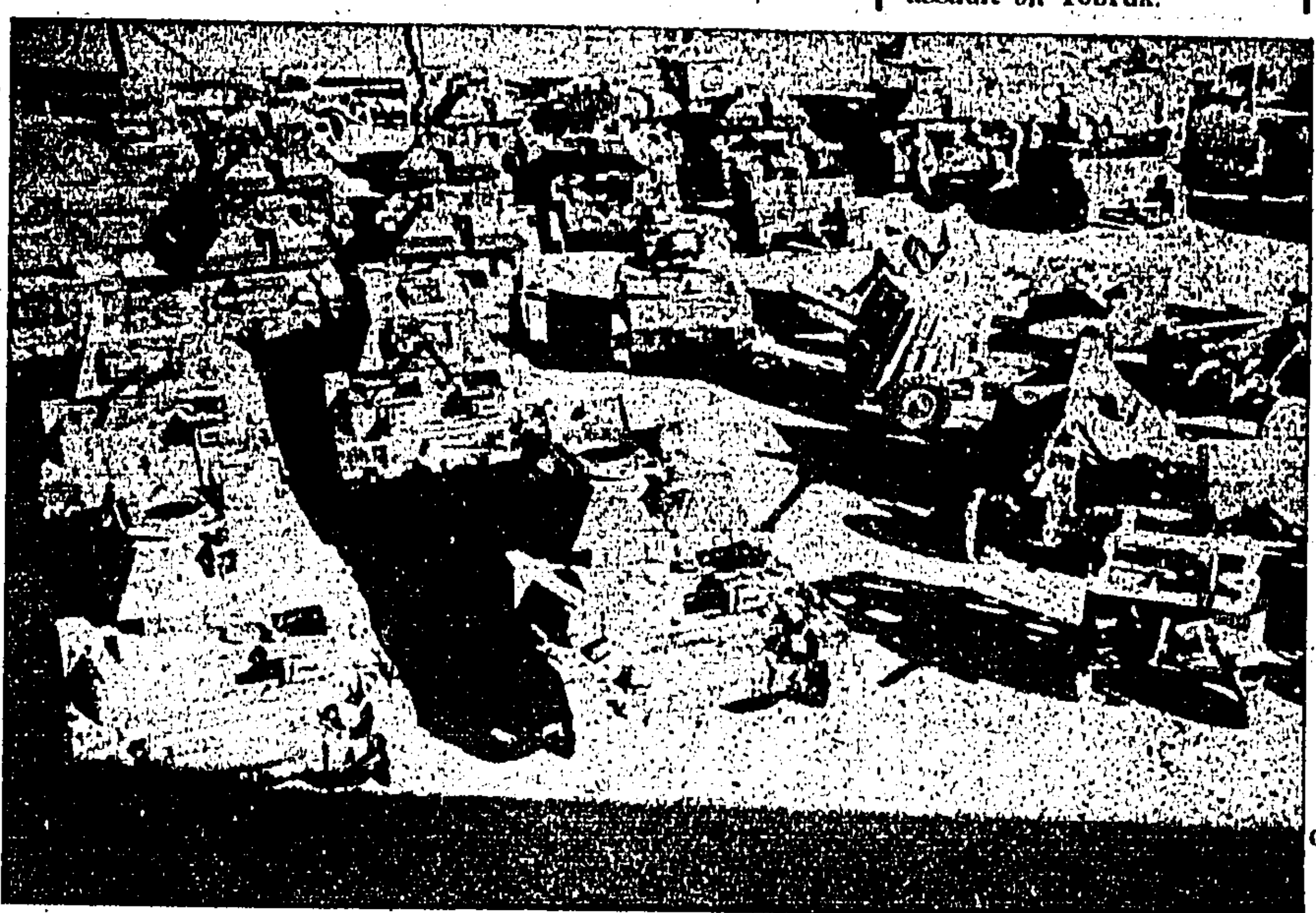
Several attacks, states a communiqué from R.A.F. headquarters in the Middle East, were made and direct hits were registered on marine repair shops and military barracks.

One artillery battery of four guns was silenced and many bombs fell on a camp of about 200 tents.

Anti-aircraft fire was intense but the British aircraft pressed home their attack.

British fighter patrols were active throughout yesterday but no counter-attack was reported.

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Taking Part In Tobruk Assault

An official photograph showing an imposing array of tanks and guns which are now taking part in the assault on Tobruk.

Invasion Of Britain Possible Theme At Berchtesgaden Talks

(By "Reuter's" Diplomatic Correspondent)

LONDON, Jan. 21.—Axis propaganda must be seriously at a loss, if it has to describe the Hitler-Mussolini meeting as the greatest event of the year.

The meeting could do no more than reaffirm a complete agreement of policy. Their combined strength could not be increased by meeting nor unity be closer, as they have always boasted that this is complete.

However, Axis commentators claim that startling events will follow; the Dictators have decided not only to defeat Britain but on the means of doing it.

This type of threat is nothing new. Some points about the meeting, however, are more significant. It occurred on German soil, almost certainly Berchtesgaden, and it is there is little doubt, went because he was summoned. He needs all possible help but he cannot have liked the role of suppliant.

Unity of Command

Doubtless future plans were discussed but they are German, not Italian plans. The plans are linked with the negotiations that have been proceeding at Vichy and Hitler has probably been liberal with Hitler's aspirations against France. It is suggested that the Germans insist on unity of command. This is more likely to be the real issue at a later date when the Germans have decided where the big gamble will be made.

Or Balkan Advance

Their intentions are still very secret and preparations may equally aim at the invasion of Britain or at an advance in the Balkans. It is significant that the German air force has not yet been employed, at least directly, against Greece, thus maintaining a pretence of neutrality. Undoubtedly Hitler the gambler favours an attack on Britain as the surest way to victory if successful, but he is obviously having qualms in view of the risks.

CHUNGKING, Jan. 22 (Central News).—General Hwang Hsu-chu, Chairman of the Kwangsi Provincial Government, arrived in Chungking from Kweilin by plane yesterday. He will see Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

Antonescu's Troops & Iron Guards Clash

Special to the "Telegraph"

BUDAPEST, Jan. 21 (UP).—It is reported from Bucharest that street fighting broke out between the Iron Guards and troops of General Antonescu the latter killing two Iron Guards. All telephone lines to Bucharest have been cut.

It is reported the Iron Guards erected a tier for the two members who were killed in one of the main squares where they are parading, mourning and chanting hymns of hate and revenge.

Major Disorders

NEW YORK, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—According to a Budapest telegram, major disorders which may require energetic measures by the German agencies give only a few details in their despatches.

The latest reports from Bucharest state that the situation is still far from being quiet and the attacks by discontented members of the Iron Guard are continuing.

Described As Revolution

SOFIA, Jan. 21 (UP).—Some of the newspapers in Sofia headline the disturbances in Bucharest as "revolution in Rumania" but news agencies give only a few details in their despatches.

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Nazis Take Control of Italian War Machine

LONDON, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—The meeting between Hitler and Mussolini took place at Berchtesgaden, according to the diplomatic correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph".

He says that for the purpose of propaganda the usual mystification was made but "I can state that the purpose of the conference was the simple one of transferring the Italian war machine to German control."

The mere fact that the meeting was held at Berchtesgaden and not at the Italo-German frontier as of old, emphasises the subservient role that Mussolini now takes. This subservience may be unpalatable to Italian pride and may be disguised in the language of Italian propagandists. Nevertheless the fact remains that Mussolini at the meeting was a suppliant for German aid and had to accept German terms.

Those were for command for the Italian forces in fact, if not in appearance, the correspondent states.

JAPANESE DEMAND Follows Kulangsu Incident

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

AMOY, Jan. 21 (Domei).—The Japanese Consul-General, Mr Ishikawa, to-day made a vigorous four-point representation to Mr L. H. Hitchcock, Chairman of the Kulangsu Municipal Council, regarding the terrorist attack on Mr Huang Chung-kang, Formosan president of the Amoy District Court, who was shot on January 17 by an unknown assailant while en route home in the Kulangsu International Settlement.

The representation demanded, firstly, immediate employment of six Japanese as police chiefs, secondly, the stationing of police in the districts where most reactionary groups are found; thirdly, limitation of embarking and disembarking from ships at the harbour; and fourthly restriction of arrival and departure of junk.

American Situation

NEW YORK, Jan. 22 (Reuter).—A telegram from Rome says that Signor Geyda indicated that Hitler and Mussolini discussed the "American situation" at yesterday's conference.

Occupied Countries

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Jan. 21 (UP).—It is reported that Hitler and Mussolini discussed the Axis relations in the occupied countries including France and possible "recalcitrance" in North Africa.

Well informed circles believe that another Hitler-Mussolini meeting is likely in connection with any new development affecting the attitude of the United States.

Five Thailand Planes Downed

HANOI, Jan. 22 (Reuter).—Yesterday Admiral Decoe claimed that five Thai planes were brought down over Cambodia on January 16 and 17. He added that there was no Thailand activity on the Cambodian or Laotian borders yesterday.

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Wage Increases For British War Workers

Special to the "Telegraph"

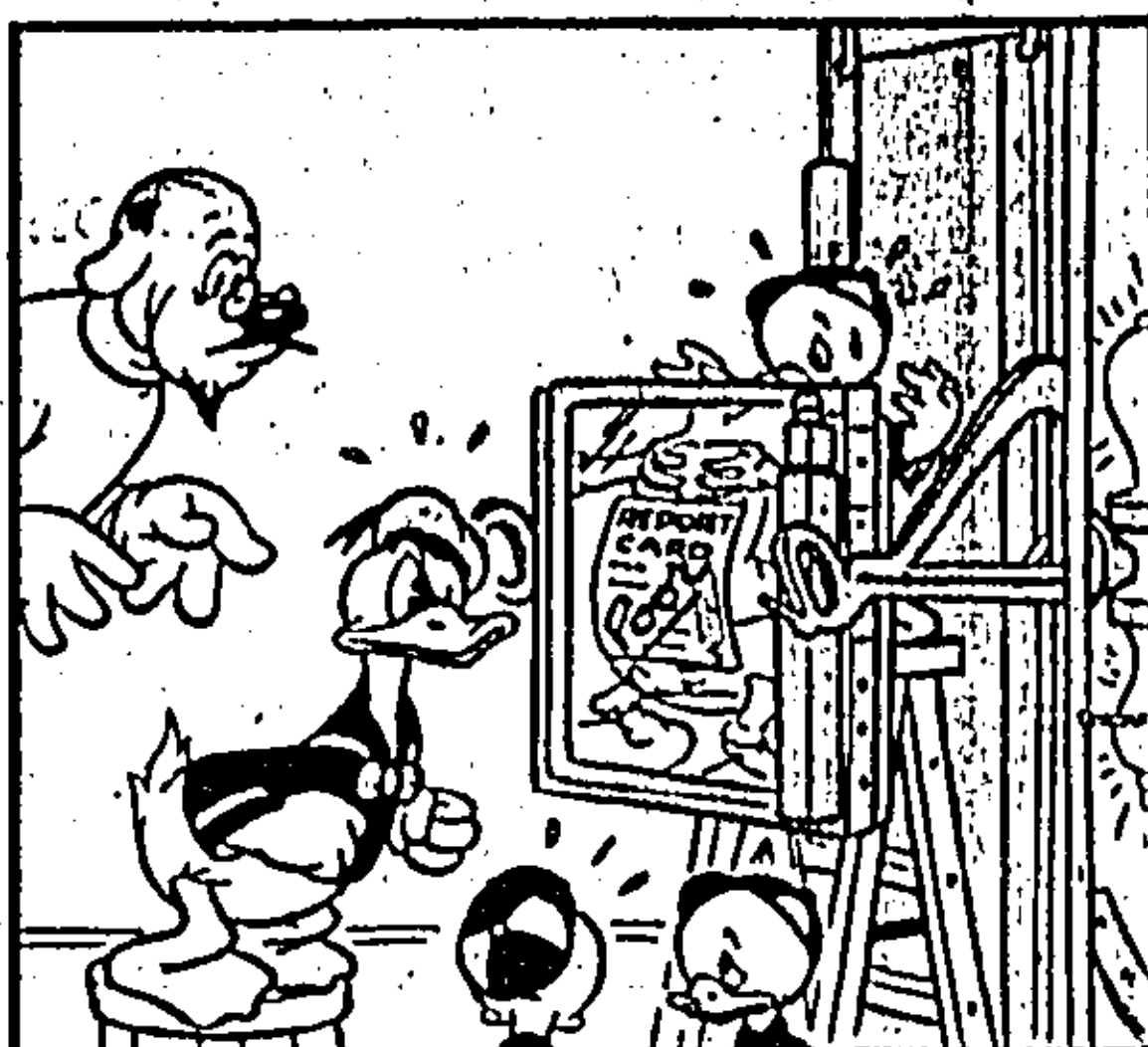
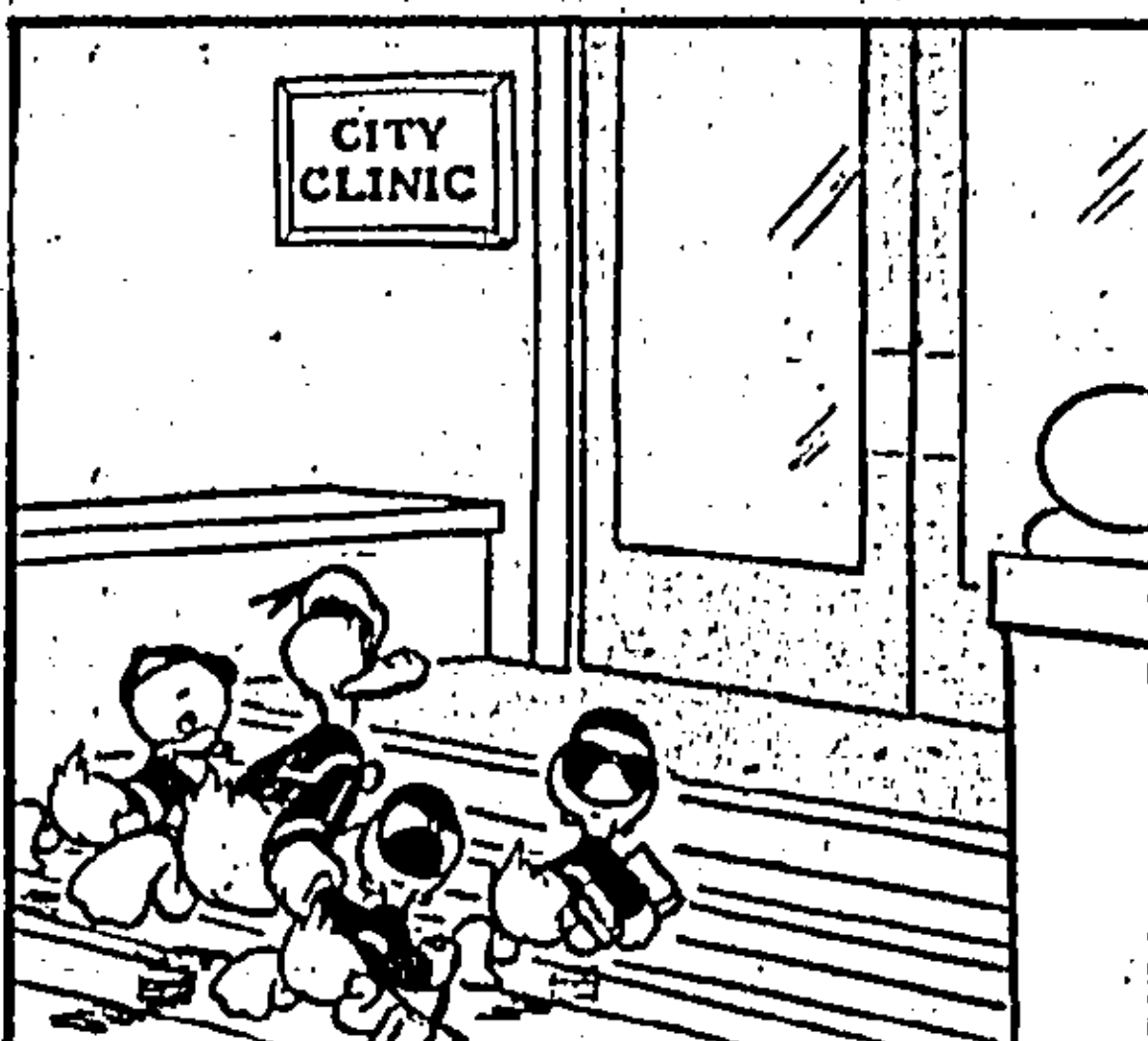
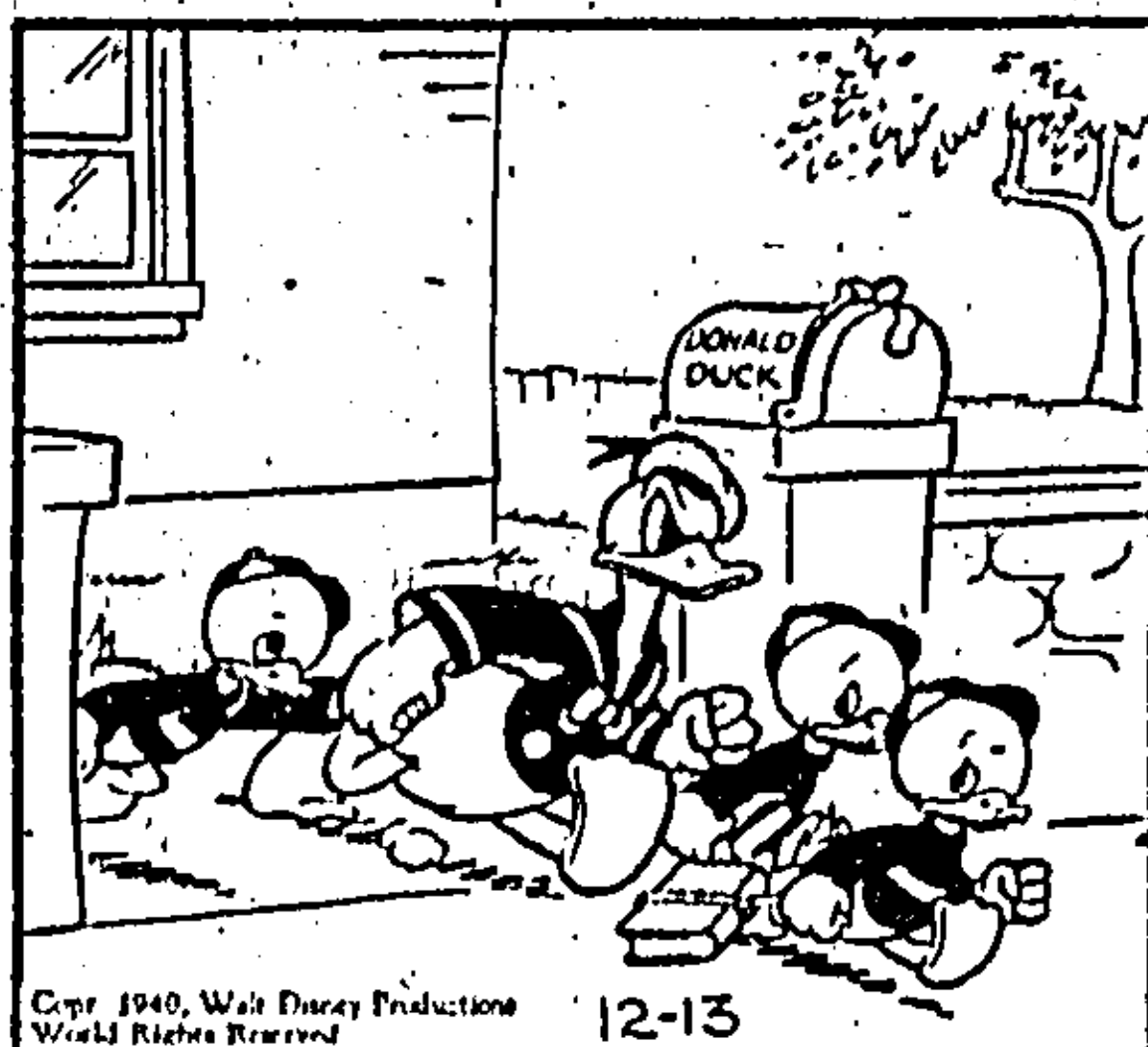
LONDON, Jan. 21 (UP).—The National Arbitration Tribunal has awarded approximately 1,250,000 adult male engineering and shipbuilding workers an additional weekly wage of 3s 6d.

The awards represented the most important decision yet handed down by the Tribunal which was created under an emergency order which made strikes illegal.

The Amalgamated Engineering Unions and the National Foundry Workers asked for 3d. additional hourly. The Engineering Joint Trade Movement and the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions asked for 10s weekly.

Also leaving on the ship is Muneyoshi Yano, newly-appointed Japanese Minister to Columbia.

DONALD DUCK



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By Walt Disney

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Czecho-Slovak Institute Opened In London

LONDON, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—"In these coming months we shall need all our strength and courage and all the help that free peoples can give us. There is no margin to spare. Yet our faith in final victory is unshaken. We know that we must win through."

Thus declared Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, at the opening in London of the Czecho-Slovak Institute established by the British Council as a national centre for Czecho-Slovaks in Britain who now number 15,000.

The King in a message to President Benes wrote, "The Institute will form a happy link between our two peoples in the pursuit of those ideals of liberty and justice to which both are so wholeheartedly attached."

Mr. Eden also declared that it would not be so long before the tyrant in whose clutches Czecho-Slovakia was

held, was utterly overthrown. The Czechs were now fighting side by side with the forces of Britain, Poland and other allies with the fire and determination of men who would not endure bondage. From time to time he was greatly moved and encouraged by news of some noble act of opposition by those gallant Czechs who had now to suffer the rule of Hitler's Gestapo.

In reply, Dr. Benes expressed the Czech determination to increase and deepen Anglo-Czech friendship "once the world is rid of Hitler's vulgar gangsterism."

Referring to Mr. Eden's allusion to the struggle of the Czechs at home against Nazi oppression, Dr. Benes said, "They deserve your praise and they will not fail you."

French Cameroons Join Britain's Economy Plan

LONDON, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—An economic agreement relating to the French Cameroons has been concluded between the British Government and General de Gaulle's Council of Defence.

The British Government undertakes to purchase the total output of cocoa, palm kernels, palm oil, ground nuts and beniseed from the French Cameroons as well as nearly the whole production of coffee and a large proportion of the production of bananas.

On these commodities and timber, regarding which a separate agreement is foreshadowed, the French Cameroons depend. While ensuring the livelihood of the population, the agreement gives Britain useful commodities that it can absorb.

The agreement has fixed the rate of exchange for the French Cameroons at 170.25 francs to the pound.

The agreement is retrospective, covering the second year of the war. A similar agreement relating to

French Equatorial Africa is almost ready for signature.

Midland Bank Safes Indestructible

LONDON, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—Not a single safe or strong room has been destroyed in the Midland Bank, one of the largest banks in Britain with branches throughout the country.

This was disclosed by the Chairman, Mr. Reginald McKenna, in his annual statement which circulated to shareholders in place of the usual speech "in view of the possibility of the meeting being interrupted by an air raid."

Nine branches of the Midland Bank, he said, have been completely wrecked and eight others severely damaged, but repair work will enable the staff to return to them shortly.

Advance Into Eritrea

Italians Hard Pressed

"REUTERS" AT BRITISH H.Q., CAIRO
Jan. 21. — Imperial troops, pushing deeper into Italy's East African Colony of Eritrea were reported to-day to have reached a point some 30 miles to the east of the Kassala frontier post evacuated by the Italians on Sunday.

The retreating Italians whose strength is now revealed to be no less than two divisions, are being hard-pressed by British light-armoured units and motorised infantry.

The pursuit continues day and night across a hilly and difficult country. Every effort is being made to maintain contact. Occasionally British Bren gun carriers are able to send bursts into the Italian "tail."

Running Away
The Italians are apparently withdrawing as fast as they can having covered 20 miles on the first day. Indian, Sudanese and British troops are taking part in the pursuit, it is learned.

Before their withdrawal, the Italians were along a 100-mile front from Omagera where the frontiers of Sudan, Eritrea and Abyssinia converge to a point 20 miles to the north-east of Kassala.

The direction of the retreat is towards Agordat, nearly 100 miles from the frontier. Agordat is the terminus of Eritrea's only railway, and the main point of communication for the frontier region with the important Red Sea port of Massawa.

Abyssinian Army
"REUTERS" WITH THE
ETHIOPIAN ARMY

SOMEWHERE IN THE SUDAN, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—There is a rattle of musketry and hundreds of tall dark men clad in white jibbas and khaki shorts leap from their cover of thorn bushes and advance in open order across the desert to where in the midst of a group of his staff stands a small, bearded, khaki-clad figure wearing a lopee-and-with-the-crossed swords of a General on his epaulettes.

Emperor Haile Selassie is watching the exercises by the new Free Army of Ethiopia which is being trained in the Sudan by British, South African and Rhodesian officers. After the exercises, the Emperor drives to the parade ground in the middle encampment composed of low matting huts and stands at the salute while the cream of his troops, shouldering more British-made modern rifles, march past in long lines, throwing out great clouds of dust.

At their head rides the Crown Prince of Ethiopia mounted on a magnificent white charger. The Emperor smiles as he sees his son salute once again the ancient House of Judah and stand at the head of a fighting army ready for battle.

White Officers
The Emperor told me to-day that he was well pleased with the progress and bearing of the troops, which he attributed to British officers. These officers, some of them well over six feet in height, were formerly British officers in the Sudan, Kenya, mining engineers in Rhodesia and school-masters, etc., having a knowledge of Abyssinia. One former Sudan District Commissioner is among them.

All commands are given in English and one burly Ethiopian sergeant was heard to say "pick'em up, you sons of Africa." Troops are trained in all the arts of war. They include men from distant parts of Abyssinia and former refugees in Kenya from the Italian invasion.

During the long journeys in twos, threes or larger bands, they stole rifles and machine-guns and attacked when possible.

The Emperor's second son, Duke Karrar, is now under training with the British and he will shortly take a command. He was formerly in the Wellington College Officers' Training Corps.

A constant stream of Abyssinian troops and camel convoys of arms is finding its way into the Abyssinian interior where British artillery manned by Abyssinians already in position.

Assal Supplies Hit
CAIRO, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—The R.A.F. has raided Assal and registered direct hits on the supply depot. The South African air force successfully bombed Neghelli in Abyssinia. Administrative buildings surrounding a motor transport park were set on fire and completely gutted, and a large number of vehicles in the car park were

MALAYAN WAR COMMITTEE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SINGAPORE, Jan. 21 (Domei).—The creation of a Malayan War Committee was announced here to-day by the Governor, H.E. Sir Shenton Thomas, at a meeting of the Legislative Council for British Malaya and Straits Settlements. The Governor said that the new committee is composed of civilians and officials and also the chiefs of local fighting forces.

JAPAN'S FINANCIAL YEAR

Foreign Trade
Still Grows

TOKYO, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—Japan's foreign trade continued to grow in 1940, despite the European war. The volume of commerce with nations outside the yen bloc was almost as large as in 1939.

Mr. Isao Kawada, Minister of Finance, made this announcement in the House of Representatives to-day, introducing the record-breaking 6,863,000,000 yen ordinary budget.

The exports of 3,972,000,000 yen increased by one per cent, while imports of 3,709,000,000 yen gained 19 per cent with a favourable balance of 263,000,000 yen.

Food For British Prisoners

REASONS FOR DELAY
INVESTIGATED

LONDON, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—The difficulty of getting food parcels by tortuous routes to sorely-pressed British war prisoners in Germany was again raised in the House of Commons to-day.

It was officially disclosed that over 250,000 parcels were despatched by the General Post Office during the past month and that during December 100,000 parcels and over 100 tons of food left Geneva for camps in Germany.

The War Secretary, Captain David Margesson, said that a special commissioner which had gone to Lisbon to investigate the delay in transmission of the parcels had ascertained that the parcels were seriously delayed in transmission across the Iberian Peninsula and France.

Ships had been chartered to convey parcels by sea direct to Marseilles or other convenient ports. Parcels had also been sent by a new overland route through Portugal, Spain and occupied France direct to camps in Germany and it was this route was successful, it would be developed.

Shayuchung Not Occupied

Threat By Japanese

According to an official of the Chinese Maritime Customs, Shayuchung has not yet been occupied by Japanese troops.

Advice was received that the Japanese expected to attack and take over the place on Monday last, but as yet the troops have not put in an appearance.

Trade between Hongkong and Shayuchung continues and yesterday launch masters returning from the village declared that everything was quiet and normal there.

Chinese Sink Two Warships

Yangtze Engagement

CHUNGKING, Jan. 21 (Central News).—Chinese artillery action sank two Japanese warships in the Yangtze above Nanking within three days.

One of the vessels with troops aboard was sunk on January 12. Chinese farmers on the bank saw large numbers of Japanese drowned. The other sunk on January 14 was a transport, loaded with munitions and other military supplies.

As a result the Japanese are taking strict precautions against Chinese shore batteries and have sent out minesweepers to remove floating mines in the river.

Brisk fighting has again flared up in the Anhwei-Chichang border regions. Some 1,500 Japanese infantrymen and 500 cavalrymen launched a drive from Chichang to Hoken, a town to the northwest, on Monday. Simultaneously a Japanese unit started a drive from Hing against the Chinese in the neighbourhood.

The Japanese northward push from Ichang, Yangtze port in Hupeh, is reported to have totally collapsed. After the defeat at Lungwangtung and Changchaling, the Japanese are now in full retreat.

Japanese attacks at Changshoutien and Hochiat, north of Chungking on the east bank of the Han River, about 125 miles northwest of Hanking, have also been repulsed.

A daring attack was made last Thursday by a Chinese unit at Taotshwan in the vicinity of Tachang, the iron-mining town, about 60 miles southeast of Wuhan. Japanese defences were destroyed.

After two days' severe fighting, the Japanese attacking Yangfanglin and Hunching, south of Tsungyang in south Hupeh, were hurled back last Saturday.

Diet Hears Navy Report

Minesweeping And
Blockade

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Jan. 21 (Domei).—The Imperial Japanese Navy River Flotilla has disposed of 750 mines on the Yangtze, the Navy Minister, Admiral K. Oikawa, told the Diet to-day.

Since the middle of July the naval forces in accordance with tactical necessity, completely prohibited shipping traffic in Pinghu, Wenchow and other important points along the China coast. Surprise attacks have been carried out against Chinese military bases along the coast.

The most daring operations in the year were carried out by the naval air force which since the end of April to October have continuously bombed various inland bases in Szechuen, especially Chungking.

While the naval aircraft in South China are still continuing attacks against the Burma road, the naval air force in Central China is also continuing vigorous activity in the Szechuen area.

The losses inflicted on the enemy air force by the Fleet air arm during the past year amounted to about 320 while the Japanese suffered 11 planes lost.

The marine forces operating in Hainan Island in March and April mopped up remnant Chinese troops and drove them deep into the mountainous region.

The Fleet forces effectively supported the Army in the entry into French Indo-China by transporting and escorting them by sea.

Loss of Submarine
The Navy Minister then made a special statement regarding the sinking of Submarine I-77 in August last year. The disaster occurred about 3 p.m. about 600 miles south of Tokyo Bay while the fleet was engaged in manoeuvres.

The undersea craft was last observed by an aeroplane which happened to fly in the vicinity. At that moment, the ship was seen beginning submerging operation but since that, moment communication with the ship was totally lost.

The fleet at once searched in the surrounding area but failed to obtain any trace of the missing ship.

The matter was made public on October 23.

Monster Raffle

Total Proceeds to go to the War Fund inaugurated by the "South China Morning Post" and "The Hongkong Telegraph" for the purchase of Bombers.

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SUNBEAM-TALBOT 10 H.P. SPORTS CAR; Value \$5,950

(Messrs. Gilman & Co., Ltd.)

FRIGIDAIRE. Five cubic feet Value \$960 (Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd.)

NEW MORRISON MINI-GRAND PIANO and Bench Value \$650 (Tsang Fook Piano Company)

MOFFATT ELECTRIC COOKER. 5 K.W. and set of cooking utensils Value \$389 (Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.)

FIVE PRIZES each 1,000 Gold Flake Cigarettes

FIVE PRIZES each 1,000 Players Cigarettes

FIVE PRIZES each 1,000 Captain Cigarettes

TEN PRIZES each 1,000 Players Clipper Cigarettes

TEN PRIZES each 1,000 Embassy Cigarettes Value \$500 (British-American Tobacco Co. (China) Ltd.)

PILOT ALL-WAVE RADIO Receiver Value \$350 (Hongkong Motor Accessory Co., Ltd.)

GOODS TO THE VALUE OF \$250 (Mackintosh's, Ltd.)

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TAVANNE CHRONOMETER (Gentlemen's) Value \$100

ETERNA CHRONOMETER (Gentlemen's) Value \$100

ELECTION CHRONOMETER (Gentlemen's) Value \$100 (Ed. A. Kellar & Co., Ltd.)

POMMERY & GRENCH CHAMPAGNE One case quarts (Calbeck, MacGregor & Co., Ltd.)

"COLLECTION FAMOUS PICTURES" (Sung Dynasty) (Commercial Press, Ltd.)

TWO PRIZES; LADIES' SHOES Value \$50 per pr. (Gordon's, Ltd.)

SPECIAL PRIZE to the value of \$100 (Anonymous)

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SILVER "LOTUS" CENTERPIECE (Mr. J. I. Barnes)

SILVER CIGARETTE CASE (Mr. A. C. Ellis)

DOWN QUILT Value \$65 (Whiteaway, Laidlaw & Co., Ltd.)

"INNOXA" BEAUTY CASE Value \$37.50

"INNOXA" BEAUTY CASE Value \$30

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"INNOXA" BEAUTY CASE Value \$22.50 (The Colonial Dispensary)

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ONE CASE "SPEY ROYAL" WHISKY

ONE CASE "CANADIAN CLUB" WHISKY (Central Trading Co., Ltd.)

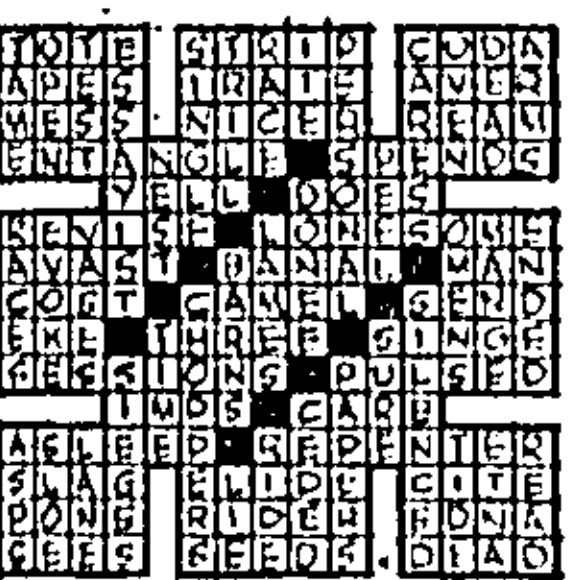
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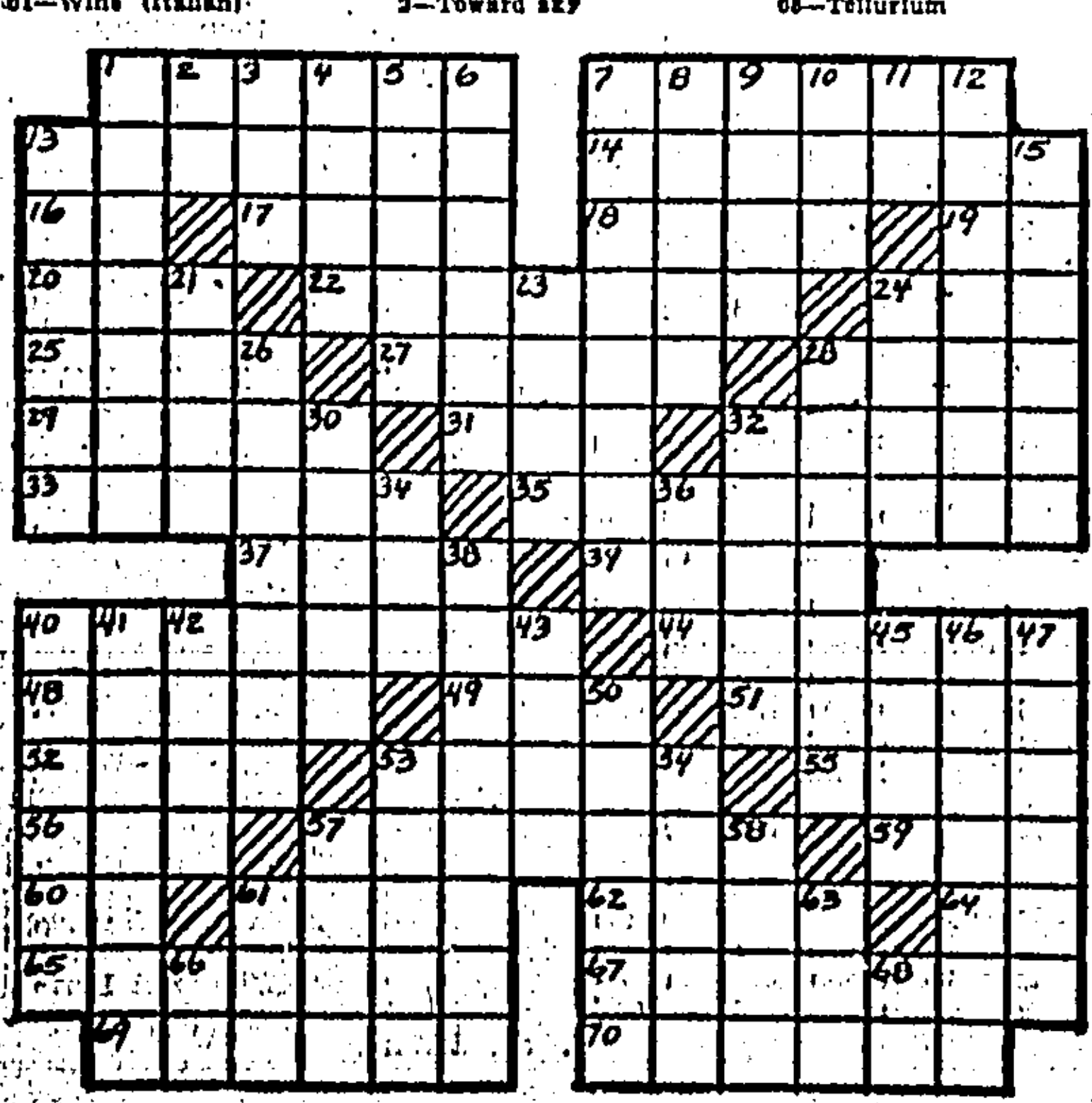
Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS
1—Having ears
2—End of country
3—Geological unit
4—Kutubia
5—Kial
6—Temporary shelter
7—Closely confined
8—Greek letter
9—Metric measure
10—Those who make up
11—Mines
12—Dried
13—Exhausted
14—Fruit
15—Brilliance
16—Dependent
17—Church officer
18—One of Santa
19—Claus's reindeer
20—Stations
21—Wear dress
22—Widow
23—Item-branched
24—Ships
25—Maidens
26—Fruit
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EVACUATION TEST CASE

A woman who regards Hongkong as her domicile and who questioned the authority of the local government to evacuate her to another country under emergency war regulations has had her answer from the highest legal authority in the Colony. To the reasonable man the judgment of the Chief Justice does seem reasonable. It was his concern to call on the weight of authorities going back hundreds of years and to dissent on Magna Carta and Habeas Corpus.

One quotation to which he gave emphasis was that a judge cannot enter into the question of whether the regulations have, or have not, any tendency to promote the safety and defence of the realm, that being the concern of the military and administrative authorities; and that the responsibility for giving power to these authorities rested with the representatives of the people in Parliament. The Chief Justice did not entirely agree with this authority and pointed out that a regulation in Council which could not possibly aid in securing the defence of the realm, though issued under the Defence of the Realm Act, might be ultra vires. The Defence (Entry Restrictions) Regulations of 1940, he determined, are not ultra vires and Government therefore wins the case brought against it.

The plaintiff in this action automatically reverts to her former position in which she was ordered by Government to leave the Colony. It is believed that about a dozen other women who have been awaiting the result of the hearing, will also have to leave the Colony. Meanwhile those British women and children who had not complied with the original order to evacuate when the Secretary of State cabled the Government not to compel any more of them to leave, may remain in the Colony at their own risk.

It is fairly safe to assume that the whole unhappy business of whether compulsion was legal and whether discrimination was justifiable is losing itself in a spirit of frustration. Many people with families abroad want them to stay abroad; many people who encountered discrimination are glad to be back or are glad that they never left.

The ugliness of war cuts across race and sentiment, and family ties must be severed as easily as purse strings for the common cause. One wonders what the Hongkong Chinese thinks of it all. Have the sincere complaints, ventilated so freely in the Press, left a deeper impression of sympathy and understanding than the imprint of tactlessness and in-

IN the islands of the Aegean there are many little land-locked harbours which are guarded at their narrow entrance by high rocky promontories. One bright sunny day during the last war a British destroyer steamed between two of these headlands. She was met by a fusillade of rifle fire from Turks lying among the rocks only 50 yards away.

To the surprise of the enemy, they were replied to in kind. From the side of the destroyer from the scuttles and from loopholes, rifles were suddenly poked out. They opened fire. On the bridge of the

destroyer, determined to enter and find out for himself if this harbour were a submarine base, was a young naval officer with short hair. He was a commander. His name was Andrew Browne Cunningham; and his ship was the Scorpion.

One day at Gibraltar there was the final of the tug-of-war between two battleships. The captain of one of them was sitting watching the struggle. His blue eyes twinkled and he turned to the friend beside him. "That tough, three from the end, was a stoker with me in a light cruiser two years ago." He knew the name, the rate and everything about men whom he'd commanded two years or more before. That captain with the blue eyes and hair slightly greying at the temples, who knew his men as if they were his own family, was Andrew Browne Cunningham.

The captain of a destroyer



ADMIRAL SIR ANDREW BROWNE CUNNINGHAM

THE MAN WHO SMASHED THE DUCES FLEET

on Mediterranean service at "Andrew B."—that was the beginning of 1939 once name famous in the Navy. Some cursed it; others swore by it: but all agreed that there was no more efficient officer in a Service where efficiency is hardly talked about.

"Andrew B."—captain of a destroyer in the Dover Patrol; out in the Baltic in 1920; in command of Home Fleet destroyer flotillas; in 1926 flag captain on the North America and West Indies Station; at the same short figure—had hoisted his flag as Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet. His hair was slightly greyer than when we first met him and his name was—Andrew Browne Cunningham.

mand, the Mediterranean Fleet. "Andrew B."—hard to the slackers, loved by those who could work hard—but always a legend. Look at his qualifications: courage, experience, high responsibility—he has always had the first, he learns from the second, he has never shirked, but has welcomed, the last.

When Collingwood was commanding the Mediterranean Fleet after Nelson's death he wrote to his wife:

"Tell me, how do the trees which I planted thrive? Is there shade under the three oaks for a comfortable summer seat? Do the poplars grow at the walk, and does

the wall of the terrace stand firm?"

There is an old house in Hampshire. It looks out across a lawn at the ruins of the palace built in 1129 by King Stephen for his brother. Bishop Blois of Winchester (the Danes had sacked and burned the village only a hundred years before). Henry II. sat there to discuss ways and means for the Third Crusade. Richard Coeur de Lion feasted there and celebrated his ransom while wondering how to pay back the Jews. One day before he felt for Agincourt Henry V. wrote in a letter there. William of Wykeham died there. Commonwealth Irregulars laid siege to it and a Heinkel, just the other day, dropped a bomb beside its fishpond. That house has been a part of our history. It still is. It is the home of Admiral Sir Andrew Browne Cunningham, K.C.B., D.S.O.

John Knott

RAIDS LESSEN CRIME

Number Lowest Since War

The number of serious crimes reported to Scotland Yard during the past three months is the lowest since the war began. The blackout, increased street patrols and the danger of operating during air raids appear to have put the professional criminal out of business.

Confidence tricksters and other specialised crooks have disappeared. Looting and pilfering after air raids, carried out mostly by youths, has, however, increased. Drastic measures are being taken by the authorities and Scotland Yard to stamp out this war-time crime.

Provincial crime has also reached a low level. Scotland Yard's fingerprint department, which before the war dealt with hundreds of provincial inquiries daily, is now receiving only a small number each week. Several senior detectives at Scotland Yard have been transferred to the statistical department to assist in compiling reports of London air raids.

efficiency which these revelations must undoubtedly have borne into their minds?

It cannot be pretended that we are governed by the elected representatives of the people of Hongkong; nor, without cutting adrift from authority could we protect ourselves, physically or economically. It would seem possible however, that the Home government could safely give local opinion a bigger say in an affair which affects us so intimately as evacuation.

America Should Act Now in Martinique

By Rear Admiral Yates Stirling Jr., U.S.N. (retired)

UNITED PRESS NAVAL EXPERT

NEW YORK, Jan. 21 (UP).—The situation involving the Vichy-controlled island of Martinique, in the West Indies, is one which the United States cannot afford to ignore.

Here is something that will not improve if left alone. It will grow steadily worse.

In Martinique are the aircraft carrier Bearn, 100 American-built warplanes, and several French like this. The French ships might be used to escape in event of a naval forces there are loyal to the Vichy government. We know only too well that the power in control at Martinique—and at the nearby island of Guadeloupe—will be Nazi, if it is not already so.

There is undoubtedly a large fifth column of Germans in those islands. German pilots conceivably could be smuggled into Martinique to man those American-built planes, which used as divebombers, could commit great havoc upon the Panama Canal.

Three fast tankers are said to have been in Martinique recently. These probably were German. Martinique is an ideal base for German submarines. They may be, even now, on their way to operate from there, and might carry plane pilots from Germany.

NOW IS THE TIME

The time for the United States to act is immediately—right now.

If the American navy should demand surrender of the French ships we must expect the French to fight. The fight might be only to the extent of saving the Frenchmen's honour. We have enough warships and planes, together with our marines, to take the islands.

We might find that, after a face-saving fight to ensure the safety of relatives in France from reprisals by Germany, the French would surrender their vessels to be interned in U. S. ports.

Social conditions on Martinique, incidentally, are said to be in a bad fix. A little hunger might precipitate a revolt. Then America would have an unquestionable reason to intervene. We could not countenance a revolution there at a critical time when the French ships might be used to escape in event of a naval forces there are loyal to the Vichy government. We know only too well that the power in control at Martinique—and at the nearby island of Guadeloupe—will be Nazi, if it is not already so.

"ATTACHMENT" FOR DEBT

One possible course of action would be the imposition of an "attachment" on the islands of Guadeloupe and Martinique, covering the warships, planes, and \$200,000,000 in gold there, as surety for the French debt to the United States. That debt was considered more or less safe before France fell to Germany, but now it is lost unless we take action to preserve it.

The "attachment" proceeding could not be settled in any court. It would have to be honoured through physical action by U. S. armed strength.

We should not allow either the planes or the gold to be taken away by the Vichy-controlled French. That gold has a purchasing value for war materials that would benefit not France but Germany.

MUST FACE THE ISSUE

We must prepare a definite plan for Martinique, even if it means British colonies in this hemisphere, and whatever the total comes to, we must face the facts as they really good for that many million, or billion, dollars.

President Roosevelt is said to be planning a defence inspection trip and it has been hinted that he might go to the West Indies.

If he does, it is conceivable that he might consult with Army and Navy leaders in that area to outline a plan whereby the Martinique situation will be cleared up. As Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy, he is well within his rights to act in whatever manner he sees fit for the best interests of the defence of the United States.

The idea of our buying British islands in the Western Hemisphere in case Britain's money resources are drained, and the question of whether we are to continue help to Great Britain seem, to me, far-fetched.

Are we not already committed, lock, stock and barrel, to co-operation with Britain and the defeat of Hitler? If so, then everything we have should go into the pot.

AID FOR BRITAIN

With the bases already leased to us by Britain finally fortified and in operation, the United States will have plenty of defence points, without taking on new ones. And if Britain wins the war, most likely the United States and her great fleet will be conceded the right to make this hemisphere safe.

It does not seem timely or appropriate for us to demand British colonies to insure being paid for helping ourselves.

If Britain should go down in defeat, furthermore, surely her colonies, like Canada, would join with the United States in fighting the war to a finish on this side of the Atlantic.

But if we are to be so mercenary as to object to saving our own hides unless the money is in the barrel-head we could do this—place an estimate on the monetary value of all British colonies in this hemisphere, and whatever the total comes to, we make a memorandum that Britain is good for that many million, or billion, dollars.

LABOUR DEBATE

Britain Not Doing Her Utmost

LONDON, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—The debate in the House of Commons following Mr Ernest Bevin's speech revealed the current opinion that everything possible was still not being done to expedite the war effort and that there should be a greater measure of compulsion on all parties to contribute a larger measure of compulsion on all measure of labour.

This is a principle which Mr Bevin has been opposing as unnecessary. There is difference of opinion inside the Labour movement on the issue as shown by the speech by the former Labour Minister, Mr Shinnell, who declared, "We need not be afraid of drastic, even revolutionary, methods in this country." He contended that the hopes that the last change of Government would preface a new and unified policy of comprehensive planning and complete co-ordination of the national effort had not materialised.

Greek-Soviet Meetings

Failure of A Mission

ISTANBUL, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—The Greek Commercial Mission returning from Moscow stated they learned from Russian political quarters that 120 Soviet divisions, normally 1,800,000 troops, have been established along the Russian-German frontier.

The delegation was unsuccessful in its effort to negotiate for the purchase of wheat and coal from Russia. The Russians, according to this source, demanded an exorbitant price for wheat and refused to deliver coal until the Greeks had handed over cash.

Large quantities of wheat and coal had recently passed through the Dardanelles on Greek ships as a result of an earlier deal.



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The cast of the Y.M.C.A. production of Shakespeare's comedy, "Twelfth Night," as they appear in the finale. The presentation will be continued with a matinee this afternoon, and two performances on Friday and Saturday, at 9.15 p.m. (Photo: Ming Yuen)

Japanese War Chief Reports On Third Year Of China War

Special to the "Telegraph"

TOKYO, Jan. 21 (Domei).—Reporting to the Diet on the developments of the China campaign during the past year, the War Minister, Lieut-General Hideki Tojo, declared that Chinese resistance was characterised by "lack of initiative and passiveness."

The Chinese failed to make any general counter-offensive excepting at the end of the winter offensive launched at the end of 1939 and the comparatively spirited sorties of the Communist forces in North China in August.

Attributing the sustained defensive taken by the Chinese under Chiang Kai-shek to a "decline in fighting strength," the War Minister pointed out that the Japanese forces have continued "positive and vigorous" operations in various areas.

The major blows dealt were the capture of Ichang, the joint bombing attacks against the interior Chinese bases by the Army air force with the naval air forces, the entry of military forces into French Indo-China and the interruption of Chinese supply routes.

North China

Referring to the operations in North China, the War Minister pointed out that from April to the end of June the Japanese inflicted severe defeats upon the Chinese Central Army forces in southern Shansi in the Chinese First War Zone while from the end of August to September they successfully repulsed the sorties of the Communist forces.

From October to December the Japanese forces also carried out a series of "clean-up" campaigns against the Communist forces and their bases on the borders of Hopeh, Chahar, Shansi and Szechwan Provinces.

In Central China, the Japanese carried out the Ichang drive from May to the beginning of July, defeating about 50 Chinese divisions totalling 470,000 troops, making the Chinese abandon about 90,000 dead and capturing 13,000 rifles.

The Ichang drive resulted in the further advance inland of the Japanese air bases, facilitating effective bombardment of Chungking and increasing the difficulties attending the transport of war materials by the Chinese.

South of Yangtze

During October the Japanese forces carried out operations south of the Yangtze and routed about 200,000 Chinese troops west of Hangchow, frustrating the Chinese plan to dislodge the lower Yangtze delta.

In South China the Japanese forces operated near Leungkow north of Canton to facilitate the Japanese operation in the Ichang area in May and June, while advancing on Indo-China border in late June the Japanese forces completely cut off the supply route for the Chiang Kai-shek regime from there.

On September 23, the Japanese forces entered northern Indo-China under the terms of the arrangements concluded in Tokyo on August 30 and on the spot on September 22, and thus completed the interruption of supply routes to Chungking from the French colony.

Admitting the presence of defeated Chinese troops in various parts and the growth in strength of the Communist forces, the War Minister pledged that the Army will continue relentless operations in future side by side with the efforts to pacify the Chinese masses and stabilise the occupied areas.

Chungking Conditions

Referring to the internal conditions in Chungking, the War Minister asserted that the Chinese have lost 80 to 90 per cent of customs duties, salt gabelle and consolidated taxes which formerly accounted for the main source of revenue. The index figure of commodity prices on the basis of 100 prior to the conflict in January, 1940, showed 335 but in November of the same year rose to 850.

As the Communist troops increased their strength over the preceding year, the internal strife between the Chungking and the Communist forces grew in intensity recently. The Chiang Kai-shek regime is still adhering to resistance, overestimating the aid from third Powers and hoping for increased aid in future.

The War Minister said that the Chinese will not understand Japan's national policy and spirit, believing that Japan will imminently suffer political or economic disruption from within.

Kennedy & Lend and Lease Bill

Opposes Measure But Has No Alternative Plan

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (UP).

At the hearings before the House Foreign Affairs Committee to-day, Mr Joseph Kennedy, former United States Ambassador to Britain said: "I am against the Bill in its present form," but when asked if he had any changes to suggest he declared: "If I had, I would be glad to state them." He said that powers to speed up national defence were "absolutely necessary."

Mr Kennedy suggested a small Congressional Committee to work with President Roosevelt on aid to Britain; advocated a time limit on the lend and lease powers, and also to limit the amount of money to be expended.

War Inevitable, If—

He told Representative George Tinkham that war would be inevitable if the United States sends any navy units to fight for Britain, convoys ships or has a ship blown up. He said he did not believe the Bill gave the President blank cheque powers. He summarized his stand to give "utmost aid to Britain because it is to our own best interests."

Asked if England had been faced with a crisis since September 1939, Mr Kennedy said: "If by 'crisis' you mean that England could fall within 60 or 90 days, I do not know on what that could be based. But the situation has been very critical since the fall of France."

Nazi Blunder

He said he did not understand why the Germans permitted the withdrawal from Dunkirk. "If the Germans have the strength to assume command of the air, a crisis might come at any moment, but it is not indicated that they have that strength."

He said that the British balloon barrage and anti-aircraft batteries were never very effective. When asked if there was any possibility of the British beating the Axis Powers, he said: "Entirely from numbers, I do not see how 1,500,000 men can drive 6,000,000 men who are armed to the teeth from any place, unless there is a revolution."

Britain Divided On Issue

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—A statement that Britain's leadership was divided on the question of the advisability of the United States becoming an active participant in the war was made by Mr Joseph P. Kennedy, former American Ambassador in London.

Mr Kennedy was testifying before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives on President Roosevelt's Bill for helping the democracies.

Replying to questions, Mr Kennedy said that some members of the British Government felt that if the United States entered the war, it would "find a way to carry it through." Others believed that entry of the United States would be to the detriment of Britain's war effort because it would slow down the flow of material aid from America.

"There is no unanimity on the question," declared Mr Kennedy, who added that many people in the British Government felt that they were not yet getting all the aid that

U. S. Policies Explained

Admiral Leahy Has Long Talk With Admiral Darlan

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

VICKEY, Jan. 21 (UP).—In a statement made after an hour's meeting with Admiral Darlan, the United States Ambassador Admiral Leahy said they generally surveyed the political and naval situations and that the Ambassador explained in detail President Roosevelt's policies, particularly the determination of the United States to give aid to Britain.

Admiral Leahy continued his personal contacts with most of the Cabinet Ministers. At noon to-day, he conferred with Mr Richard Allen, the Director of the American Red Cross in France, who arrived yesterday from Paris en route to Marseilles to arrange for the distribution of milk, medicines and woollens aboard a steamer which is expected soon.

Congress Supports Navy Protection Bill

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (Reuter).

By 130 votes to nil, the House of Representatives approved the appropriation of £75,000,000 to strengthen the Navy's protection against air attack.

This was the first Bill to be passed by the House at the 77th Congress.

they might normally expect from the United States.

Things Not Understood

Asked whether he expected a crisis to develop in the next 60 or 70 days, Mr Kennedy said that he did not know exactly what that meant and that there were many things in the military situation he did not understand. For example, he never understood why the German Army permitted the British Army of 300,000 to escape from Dunkirk.

If the German air force was as strong as it claimed to be, Mr Kennedy thought it should have had a perfect chance to annihilate the British force. He did not understand why the Germans had not wrought greater destruction on Britain's industrial centres.

Mr Kennedy continued: "If they have the strength to capture the air, a crisis might come any day. So far they have not indicated that they have that strength."

Asked whether he knew the British war effort did not.

Nature Of War Aims

The questioner, Representative Hamilton Fish, then asked whether Mr Kennedy thought that something ought to be done to let the United States know the nature of these aims before further aid for Britain was proceeded with. Mr Kennedy said that he did not understand the question and suggested that it was one for the State Department.

Mr Kennedy declared that "some people at the top in Britain felt that they were not getting the kind of help that they would expect from the United States."

Mr Fish asked whether it was fair to the British people "for us to intimate that the United States would be in a possible continental invasion. Mr Kennedy replied, "I don't believe that we have ever done that officially."

Mr Fish asked if there was any truth in the reports that Britain was "going Socialist." Mr Kennedy said that the Labour and Socialist parties were becoming more important. He added that nobody had the right to assume that conditions would ever go back to what they were.

Paying tribute to British morale, Mr Kennedy said: "I can't imagine anything better. There is a great deal less turmoil there than among the people I have met in the United States. It's just a question of plain guts."

PREMIER SPEAKS

Aims For Which We Fight

LONDON, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—In concentrating his efforts on the supreme task of winning the war, Mr Winston Churchill is not overlooking the problem of post-war reconstruction and is ready, "when a good opportunity presents itself," to enlarge upon the Government's war and peace aims.

The Prime Minister put his views in a nutshell in the House of Commons to-day when he said: "Most right-minded people here and abroad, especially in the United States, already fully understand the causes and principles for which we are waging war upon Nazi tyranny."

Can't Say Anything Now
"The Government is always on the lookout for any opportunity of making a statement that would help our victory and liberation, now ground down under German smoke. I am not, however, able to say anything at present."

One Member, Sir Stanley Reed, suggested that the Prime Minister consider definitely advising the Italian people that the British Commonwealth was under no misapprehension about the purpose for which they were being called to fight.

Mr Churchill recalled his recent broadcast and said that he did not propose to add anything to it at the moment.

Japan-Soviet Fisheries

Temporary Agreement

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Jan. 21 (Domei).—Confirming the report that a fishery agreement has been concluded at Moscow between Japan and the Soviet Union, the Foreign Minister, Mr Yosuke Matsuoka, in his address to the Diet to-day, said that a provisional arrangement regarding the Soviet-Japanese fisheries has been agreed upon while an agreement has also been reached for setting up a Soviet-Japanese mixed commission for the conclusion of a formal fishery treaty.

The Board of Information announced that the agreement is to be signed early this morning.

Long Negotiations

MOSCOW, Jan. 21 (Domei).—Signed at 11 a.m. to-day between the Foreign Commissioner, M. Vlashevsk Molotov, and the Japanese Ambassador, Lieut-General Yoshitsugu Tatekawa, the new modus vivendi showed an unexpectedly sudden conclusion to negotiations which were temporarily suspended at the end of last year. The negotiations started on December 13 and seven conversations were held up to December 30.

Terms of Lease

TOKYO, Jan. 22 (Domei).—The Board of Information announced: 1. The existing Japanese-Soviet convention will remain in force as it is to the end of this year.

2. The said modus vivendi is to be replaced by a new fishery convention to be concluded during this year.

The said modus vivendi was not concluded before because of the Soviet proposal with respect to the method of payment for the rental for the leased fishery lots, which would increase enormously the burden on the fishing concerns. The Soviet Government, however, have agreed to withdraw this proposal resulting in an amicable settlement of the question on the basis of additional payment by Japan for this year of the amount equivalent to 20 per cent of the rental for the leased fishery lots and of local tax.

Newspapers Suppressed

LONDON, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—Britain's leading Communist newspaper, "Daily Worker," has been suppressed by the Government under the Defence Regulations.

Another Left Wing periodical, called "The Week," is similarly suppressed.

The Home Secretary is satisfied that these papers systematically publish matter calculated to foment opposition to the successful prosecution of the war, states an official announcement.

Officers of Scotland Yard raided the office of the "Daily Worker" to-day and stopped publication just as it was going to press.

British Shipping Losses

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 21 (UP).—For the fifth week in succession British shipping losses were well below the weekly average since the war began.

According to the Admiralty, the list contains only nine British ships of 30,268 tons lost due to enemy action in the week ending at midnight January 12. There were no Allied or neutral losses.

The losses for the week, however, are over double compared to last week's figures. During the period under review, the Germans claim they sank 42,700 tons.

Delhi Conference

LONDON, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—Valuable and far-reaching recommendations of the Delhi Conference are being dealt with in consultation between the British Government and other governments concerned, declared Mr L. S. Amery, Secretary for India, in reply to a question in the House of Commons to-day.

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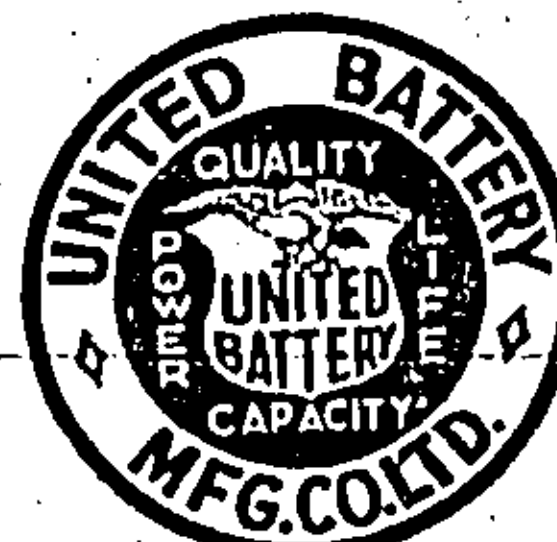
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Around The Courses

Playing Conditions Improved

Why Blame The Lie?

Return Match Between Kowloon and Country Club

(By "Birdie")

THE BREAK in the weather at Fanling and Shoungshui on Sunday was welcome to golfers, and several of the competitions there were able to get under way. The benefit of the fall was found on the greens, which, even the sand ones at the Country Club, were very playable.

First round matches of the Captain's Cup and the Men's Foursomes, and the final of the Women's Championship were played at the Country Club, while the first round matches of the Junior Championship were settled at the R.H.K.G.C.

The Kowloon Golf Club course is one that takes more favourably to rain, by which of course, I don't mean the stuff that fell last year. New bunkers are going up around the short 2nd, forcing a player to pitch on the green to avoid trouble.

Bunkers around greens are the only means of teaching people to play approach shots correctly, and at Kowloon there is very little danger of over-running once one lands on them.

Playing on this course on Saturday last, one of the members found his ball "plugged". He complained and then lifted—though I don't think there is a penalty—and continued.

This reminds me of a story I heard of Joe Kirkwood during one of his exhibition games in England. He was showing that it was not the lie that counted but the method of playing.

To demonstrate, he stamped his ball into the soft turf, until only the tip was showing, and then with his brassie ploughed through that turf, lifting a sizeable divot, and knocked the ball quite some distance.

In further elaboration of this—that the player is at fault and not the lie—Dick Metz in a tournament in America last year played what was called "the shot of the year" when his ball had become deeply imbedded in a bank behind one of the greens. He took out a niblick and literally spaded through that bank to lift out his ball and place it within two feet of the pin.

These are of course, isolated shots, but they do show that several balls that are generally deemed "unplayable" are really playable.

OWING to the rain that prevented the playing of the Captain's Cup and the Men's Foursomes first round matches at the Country Club on the scheduled date, the annual President v. Captain's match which was to have been held this Sunday had been postponed until later in the year.

The second round matches of these competitions, which should have been played last Sunday, will be played this week-end.

Miss A. Sequeira established definite superiority over Mrs. F. E. A. Remedios when she won the women's championship of the Country Club by 3 and 1 last Sunday. They met

Kotowall Cup Match To-day Postponed

The Kotowall Cup football match between Navy and Army, which was to have been played at Caroline Hill this afternoon at 4 p.m., has been postponed as Navy are unable to field a side.

previously in the Ladies Cup final, which was also won by Miss Sequeira.

Mrs. A. J. Kew, last year's champion, was not defending her title.

THE return match between Kowloon and the Country Club has been fixed for Sunday, March 30. It is unfortunate that the morning of that date is taken up with firing on the Kowloon ranges, and, therefore, singles matches will not be included.

Lunch at the Kowloon Club and four-balls in the afternoon in the programme, and a real enjoyable time is anticipated.

STARTING times, which had hitherto been found unnecessary in the comparative smallness of the Country Club, were inaugurated last Sunday, and as a solution to congestion they were admirable. One or two minor difficulties cropped up, but they were dealt with satisfactorily.

There was the question of what should be done to a match player who turns up late. On strict lettering, the opponent is entitled to claim a walk-over, but when the difference is only a few minutes it is not considered—but their starting time has been lost. Where do they fit in?

For the purposes of matches, it is ruled that provided other players are not pushed back, the match players may take over the first available space in the list. Normally, of course, the defaulting players would have to take their turn at the end of the list.



Catcher C. Motta, of the Wildcats, swinging round on a low one. M. Campos, receiving for the Recs. Hal. Winglee calling behind the plate.—Ming Yuen.

Home Soccer Fixtures For Saturday

LONDON, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—The following are the football fixtures for Saturday, January 25:

LONDON CUP

Chelsea v. Brentford; Crystal Palace v. Fulham; Queen's Park v. Aldershot; Clapton O. v. Reading; Tottenham v. Millwall; Westham v. Arsenal.

LEAGUE—SOUTH

Portsmouth v. Bournemouth; Southampton v. Brighton; Watford v. Southampton.

MIDLAND CUP

Luton v. Northampton; Mansfield v. Lincoln; Notts F. v. Leicester; Walsall v. West Brom.

COMBINED COUNTIES CUP

Semi-final

Leeds v. Huddersfield.

LANCASHIRE CUP

Blackpool v. Manchester C.; Burnley v. Everton; Manchester U. v. Bolton; New Brighton v. Chester.

NORTH REGIONAL

Barnsley v. Bradford C.; Chesterfield v. Middlesbrough; Doncaster v. Rotherham; Liverpool v. Oldham; Newcastle v. Sheffield Wed.; Rochdale v. Crewe; Stockport v. Southport; York v. Hull.

SOUTH REGIONAL

Cardiff v. Swansea; Stoke v. Notts C.

OTHER MATCH

Scottish F. A. v. Army XI.

Hockey

Trials To Select Team To Meet Macao

An interport hockey trial to select Hongkong's team to meet Macao in Macao in February will be held on the Club ground, King's Park, on Saturday at 3.30 p.m. Following are the teams:

Colours—V. M. Denwell (Y.M.C.A.); V. Bond (Club); Crosson (Engineers); M. H. Hason (Khai); W. A. Reed (Club); N. H. Whitley (Club); Teja Singh (Police); T. S. D. Whitley (Club); Cpl. H. H. Hason (Police); Fonseca (Recreio); W. Brown (Police); Xavier (Noma); M. Souza (Khai); A. M. Putana (Rural); Capt. Woods (Raj); Narwant Singh (Police); Cpl. Shaw (Engineers); Guruchan Singh (Khai); M. Akram (Punjabs); Lieut. J. Ross (Punjabs).

The following are also requested to attend—E. Fowler (C.B.A.); Jesbir Singh (Police); R. Marques (Recreio); Sgt. Waldron (Middlesex); B. I. Dickford (Club); J. Gonsalves (Recreio); R. J. Reed (Noma); Capt. Kampta Faried (Punjabs).

Selection Following the trial, 15 players will be selected and the Colony's team will be chosen on the date of the match from these. Several practice matches for these 15 players will be arranged. The first will take place on Tuesday on the Club ground at 2.30 p.m. against a team yet to be nominated. The Selection Committee have not yet been informed by the Army Sports Board whether Army players will be able to make the trip but the Committee have every reason to believe that the Sports Board will make known its decision before Saturday.

Members of the Selection Committee are Lieut. J. P. Gunnar (Royal Navy), Capt. Cartwright-Taylor (Royal Engineers), R. Huxman (Civilians), V. M. Denwell (Hon. Secretary).

Snooker Match

A friendly snooker match will be held between Kowloon Police and Royal Army Medical Corps, the Army team, Billiards Champions, at the Water Police Station at 8 p.m. on Sunday. Police will be represented by Sub-Insps. Bradell and Sergeant's Pile, Pope, Matches, Johnston and Haynes.

Wildcats' Sixth Inning Rally Defeats Recreio Ramblerettes

Wahoos White-wash Las Florinhas To Stay In Pennant Race

(By "Ball Fan")

Games, scheduled in the men's section of the local softball leagues were curtailed considerably for the second successive week-end as Hong-kong's winter liquid sunshine put in its drizzly appearance over the Kowloon ball park.

Three tilts were played in the Ladies League before the avalanche of raindrops came down, with Doc Molten's Red Bird Cardinals cking out a 14-13 win over Baby Panthers in a spotlighted rip-roaring battle for an upper mid-section berth.

Daddy Sousa's Liga ball-chasers went down fighting after ten innings to the strong R.A.F. skyriders 8-7, while Recreio Bees hung the old "sting" sign on Royal Engineers 11-6. Canadian Chinese lassies held V. Marques' Standard Oil stars to a 7 all draw in a tough exhibition game.

Nip Lum's star-studded Wildcats, scattering the Ladies Major championship in the near distant, overwhelmed a weakened Recreio nine 21-6 behind the steady hurling of Thelma Collaco.

For five innings the Recreio femmes battled the all-star felines run-for-run, but weakened terribly in the sixth when the Wildcat power brigade broke loose with a desperate thirteen run surge, clinching the issue beyond doubt. The powerful willow-clubbing of the four Mar sisters from El Paso, who made eight of the winners twelve hits, featured this struggle which sent "Michaelmas" Mendonca's cuties to the cleaners with their eighth loss of the year.

Shut-out Victory "CONTROL" ball! Terry Noronha added the word perfect to her offerings out at the ball park on Sunday morning, when she led her Wahoo rangers to a 10-0 shut-out victory over Las Florinhas tottering daisies, to stay within striking distance of the league leaders.

The green-shirted Owls merely breezed home, behind their steady slab flinger, in chalking up their ninth win. Rookie C. and baseman S. Castro played bang-up ball for the winners with Jackie Anderson, stellar batsman, ball-collector also sharing the starry role.

Novelty Out DOC Molten's fighting Cardinal division in the girls loop when they slammed through to a Merrill win over Xavier's Baby Panthers 14-13.

Effie Babida's Red Bird mound ace, playing with a painful leg injury, weakened in the last two frames, to watch eight Panther peltie fields, covered the left side talies-cross—the old-platter, but came through in the clutch to stave off the rally.

Betty Fitzgerald, slugging shortstop, paced the winner with four bingles, while Grandma Hutchinson, astute third baseman brought in two runs with heavy willow-banging.

Sunday's Stars

LILY Mar and Irene Ferreira, Wildcats—Former led the attack with a homer, double and single, while latter made a sensational stab of M. Figueiredo's short fly in the 5th.

Terry Noronha and S. Castro, Wahoos—Terry's effective pitching shut out the flower girls with one hit; latter drove in three runs on two timely hits with the willow-wand.

Effie Babida and Betty Fitzgerald, Cardinals—Former hurled stellar ball in spite of a painful leg injury; Betty's four clouts in five trips gave winners the necessary clutch finish.

Mary Ng, Canuckettes and V. Marques, Standard Oilers—Former struck out eight Ollers in a stellar mound performance while latter played heady ball in their tie game with the Maple Leaf lassies.

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Junior Section

PLAYING with only seven ball-chasers, Daddy Sousa's Liga gang crumbled before the divo-bombing hits of the R.A.F. lineup in a ten inning Junior loop game. Recreio Bees retained their hold on fourth place with an 11-0 win over the subway-dwelling Royal Engineers.

Exhibition

AN exhibition game at Marina, the Maple Leaf Canuckettes tied V. Marques' Socony Ollers in a "dingho" contest. The Ollers found trouble in connecting with Mary Ng's offerings, while Davis Chang, petite fielder, covered the left side cow-pastures in DiMaggio style.

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MUNSANG COLLEGE HEADMASTER'S APPEAL DISMISSED BY COURT

"The deplorable dispute which must have done incalculable harm to the college" to use the words of Mr Justice E. H. Williams, came to an end in the Full Court of Appeal this morning when judgment was delivered on the Munsang College trustees litigation.

The appeal was brought by Messrs Rufus Huang, Headmaster, Wong Sun-yin and Lee Siong-to and was against an order made in Chambers by the Chief Justice that Mr Huang cease to be a trustee of the College. The respondents were Dr S. W. Ts'o and Messrs Lam Tze-fung and Mok Hing-shung, the other trustees of the College.

Mr Eldon Potter, K.C., appeared for appellants on the instructions of Mr E. S. C. Brooks, of Hastings and Co. The Hon. Mr Leo D'Almada Jnr, instructed by Mr M. H. Turner, of Deacons, represented respondents.

The Court this morning dismissed the appeal with costs, Mr Justice J. A. Fraser concurring in the judgment of Mr Justice Williams, President of the Court.

In his judgment, the President went exhaustively through the history of the case which has been previously reported in these columns. After giving the preliminary facts he continued:

Task of The Court

This court must now decide whether the order removing Mr Huang should be reversed and whether Dr Ts'o and Mr Lam should be removed from the Council. To restore Mr Huang and not remove the other two would leave an impossible situation because they clearly cannot now get on together.

On the question of the removal of trustees by the court, obviously a very delicate matter, little help can be obtained from the authorities. The primary duty of the court is to see that the trusts are properly carried out and if the continuance of a trustee prevents the trust being carried out it will remove that trustee. In addition to this primary duty there is the secondary duty of removing a trustee for acts or omissions which endanger the trust pro-

perty (Letterstedt v. Braces 9 A.C. (1884) 371 at 386).

The decision must be based on the impression gained from the whole course of events and not on isolated incidents. It is clear that for a period of about a year from May, 1939, Dr Ts'o with the full support of the Council, was pressing Mr Huang to hand over full financial responsibility to Mr Lam and to inform the Council of the School's financial commitments. No member had expressed any doubt or difficulty as to what was required from Mr Huang.

Duty of Mr Huang

It was the duty of Mr Huang as the one member of the Council who knew the financial situation, to keep the Council fully enlightened not only about past transactions but also about current ones.

Mr Huang received the directions at the May meeting but he admits that until September he remained practically in full control of accounts only parting with small sums to the bursar to meet petty cash accounts. By the end of July Mr Lam was unable to make his financial report and he resigned.

Council for appellants claims that Mr Huang's letter of July 31 has never been answered but I am of opinion that it has, by the definite instructions given to Mr Huang at the meeting on August 3. He was then informed that all money he received for the school should be paid into the school account and all payments out should come from that account. Any loan therefore raised by him should have been so paid but on August 11 a part payment of

\$5,500 was made by Mr Huang to the contractor from a loan he had raised.

Source of Loan

The source of that loan is not apparent but his treatment of it was directly contrary to Council's instructions. The excuse given by Mr Huang for not obeying the instructions is that Mr Lam had not put up his loan, and the Macao loan had been stopped and he had to pay the contractor. At that time, however, there was no refusal of the Council to pay the contractor; the Council had never been asked to make this payment.

On August 18 Dr Ts'o, on learning that Mr Huang had made the direct payment, wrote telling him of Council's instructions that any loan raised must be paid to the school account and that Mr Lam would pay the contractor therefrom.

There is no reply from Mr Huang but instead another five payments are made to the contractor in September and October, only one of which came out of the school accounts. The origin of the whole trouble was that Mr Huang did not carry out Council's instructions and this in turn led to the stoppage of the loans and hence the impasse.

Action Requiring Comment

The use by Mr Huang of the \$500 school fees to pay the contractor required comment. On November 8 Mr Huang was criticised by Dr Ts'o for using school fees to pay the contractor; that payment had been made with the approval of Mr Lam. Thereafter, however, Mr Huang should have followed the Council's instructions about the use of school

fees. The contractor's main bills had already been paid at this time, payments being about \$25,000. It is clear when the sum of \$500 school fees was paid to the contractor. Possibly it was part of the payment made on November 2 and if so there was the direct disobedience of the instructions. When February came and this sum put up by students for the specific purpose of matriculation fees was not available for that purpose, Dr Ts'o was quite rightly very indignant.

The taking of the \$7,000 school fees from Mrs Shea is a matter for censure. Part of it was paid by Mr Huang to reduce the overdraft with the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank which pressed him to do so. He knew, however, at this time that the Council had recently promised the Bank that the building grant would be earmarked to pay the overdraft. He should have passed on this letter to the Council as he had passed on the earlier letter of the Bank, but he took these fees and paid to the Bank.

Indicative of Attitude

These and later incidents are indicative of his attitude towards the Council which, by his own statement, he regarded as an advisory body. His desire was to control the finances and policy of the school and the Council was right in opposing his wish.

Nothing can justify his conduct in applying to the Director of Education for a new primary school grant at this time when he had ceased to be a member of Council and when the Council was merely considering the matter, without having reached a definite decision. His conduct also in addressing the Director of Education as principal of the school after his dismissal is inexcusable.

In my opinion his behaviour throughout and particularly in the early stages of the dispute, if not jeopardising the school, certainly satisfies me that his continuance as a

trustee would prevent the trust being properly carried out and I therefore agree with the decision reached on that point by the learned trial judge.

Dr Ts'o Criticised

The reasons advanced by appellants and their Counsel for the removal of Dr Ts'o are that he twice stopped the Macao loan without consulting the School Council and also the building and school grant; that he is obstructive and domineering. There is undoubtedly good grounds for criticism of Dr Ts'o. There was no reason why he did not accept the loans and building and school grants, and put them into a separate account, even if dissatisfied with Mr Huang's handling of accounts. With a little tact and goodwill he might have smoothed over the trouble in January at the time when he was satisfied Mr Huang was becoming amenable to Council's instructions.

The dismissal of Mr Huang from the headmastership by the Council is not all to his credit.

I cannot, however, find that he was domineering or obstructive. As Chairman he naturally took a leading part in the Council's discussions but no dissenting voice was raised until March, 1940, apart from that of Mr Huang. The reasons for stopping the various loans were that Mr Huang had not handed over the accounts; the stoppage was a consequence of Mr Huang's conduct. To some extent I agree that the school was placed in a position of jeopardy by reason of the non-acceptance of the loans, but I have found the initial trouble lay in Mr Huang's behaviour. I therefore hold that Dr Ts'o should not be removed.

Case Against Mr Lam

The reasons advanced for Mr Lam's removal are less convincing than those advanced in the case of Dr Ts'o. Mr Lam is blamed because he did not sign the contract when so authorised by Council; because he did not put up his loan at the beginning and because his conduct shows him to be under Dr Ts'o's direction and unsuitable as treasurer.

I agree that some criticisms can rightly be directed at Mr Lam. His explanation why he did not sign the contract along with Mr Huang is not convincing. He might have put up his loan earlier. On one or two occasions he might have written to Mr Huang, pointing out where he considered Mr Huang was at fault. On the other hand he shewed himself right from the start of events, determined to get at the bottom of the school's finances and to straighten them out. The Council was equally desirous of the information. As treasurer and therefore directly responsible for finance, he did not get the assistance which he should have got from Mr Huang. I do not consider that he should be removed. I therefore hold that this appeal must be dismissed with costs.

Danish Minister In Chungking

CHUNGKING, Jan. 22 (Central News).—Mr Illmar Collins, Danish Minister to China, arrived here from Shanghai via Hongkong yesterday. He will make a brief stay in the capital and will call on Chinese government authorities.

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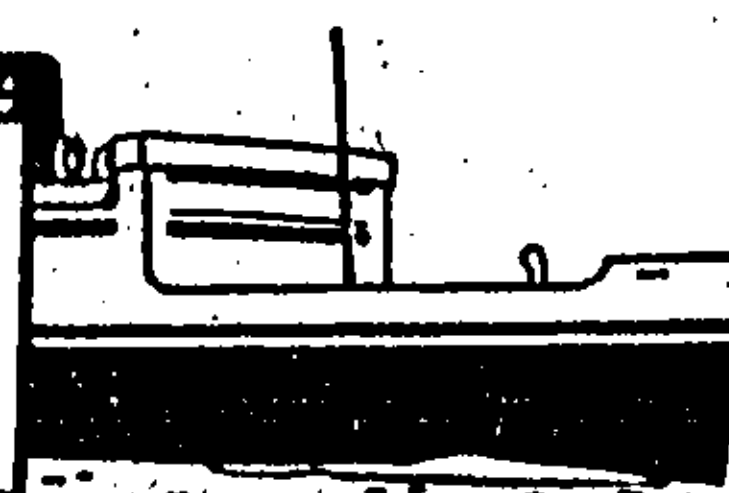
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Britons Warned Of Crisis

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ment on Mr. Matsuoka's speech. Circles close to the Government regarded the tone to be calmer than usual but clearly revealing much divergence in United States-Japanese view points, indicating that a disastrous split is possible at any time.

Mr. Matsuoka's comment on a new order in East Asia enhanced the impression which Mr. Hull suggested last week that Japan had aligned herself with the Axis Powers to promote a great revolution against existing world order. They declared that Mr. Matsuoka largely ignored the historically established interests in East Asia.

Mr. Matsuoka's reference to the Thai dispute aroused special interest since it is regarded as a special hint of direct intervention. Japanese movements in Thailand would cause serious concern because it is so close to Singapore.

Report Denied
LONDON, Jan. 21 (Dome).—Reports that the British Consulate in Tokyo has advised Britons to leave Japan "before the impending crisis in the Japanese-United States relations comes to a head," were emphatically denied by authoritative quarters.

BRITISH TROOPS PENETRATE

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clusive engagement with the enemy resulted.

A further raid was carried out on the aerodrome at Catania (Sicily) during the night of January 20-21. Seven enemy aircraft were on the ground, where two large twin-engined bombers were seen to burst into flames.

Fires started near administrative buildings were visible over 60 miles away.

On the previous night, a railway station at Brindisi was bombed but the results could not be fully observed owing to low cloud. It is believed, however, that considerable damage was done.

In Albania, Valona was subjected to the heaviest bombing attack hitherto carried out in that region. A heavy raid was made during the night of January 19-20, followed by further raids during the day. Large explosions occurred in the target area and a number of fires were caused. High explosive bombs fell on buildings and the fore shore, causing considerable damage.

In Kassala Sector
CAIRO, Jan. 21 (UP).—A General Headquarters communiqué states: "In the Kassala area our troops are victoriously pursuing the Italian forces who are continuing their withdrawal to the eastward."

Free China Posts

Chungking Announcements
CHUNGKING, Jan. 22 (Central News).—Mr. Yang Yi-tsu, Anhwei Finance Commissioner, has been re-elected to his post. Mr. Tzvet Ching-chiu, member of the Anhwei Provincial Government, has been appointed to serve as Finance Commissioner concurrently.

Messrs. Yao Hsien-nai, Hu Mai, Wang Li-cheng, Sun Li-sheng and Sun Ya-fu have been appointed respectively Secretary, Counselors, Director of the 1st Department and Acting Director of the 2nd Department of the National Relief Commission.

Messrs. Tam, Shao-chiao and Liu Chen-tung have been appointed respectively Director and Vice-Director of the Anhwei Food Control Bureau, and Mr. Chow I-to has been appointed Director of Fokien Food Control Bureau.

Mr. Chiang Fu-jui has been appointed Director of the National Central Library.

Roosevelt Prepares Emergency Orders

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt at a press conference to-day said that he "suspected" that 50 executive orders of all kinds had been drawn up "to meet the contingencies."

He added that perhaps one of them provides for freeing United States assets of all European countries. The orders had been drafted as a precautionary measure so as to be ready in case they were needed suddenly, he said.

VALONA'S DOCKYARD WRECKED

Punishing R.A.F. Attack

ATHENS, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—Valona was subjected to its heaviest aerial bombing attacks of the war on the night of Jan. 19 and yesterday, when heavy bombers railed the dockyard at night.

Large explosions occurred in the target area and smaller fires were also caused, but the weather was too bad for full results to be seen.

In a daylight raid on Valona, a number of high explosive bombs fell on buildings on the south jetty and foreshore and must have caused considerable damage.

Enemy fighters attacked but were evaded after a fifteen-minute engagement.

On the return journey, our formation attacked and damaged an enemy float plane.

Brindisi railway station was attacked but results could not be observed owing to cloud.

All our aircraft returned safely.

Mr Boothby Is Censured And Resigns

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Jan. 21 (UP).—Mr. Robert Boothby, Parliamentary Under Secretary of the Ministry of Food has resigned.

A select committee censured Mr. Boothby in connection with his activities in supporting the Liquidation of British claims in the accounts with Czechoslovakia from the British loan to Czechoslovakia.

The committee which probed into Mr. Boothby's conduct for a week issued a statement saying: "His conduct is contrary to usage and derogatory to the dignity of the House of Commons and inconsistent with the standards that Parliament expects from its members."

Resigns Form of Inquiry
LONDON, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—Mr. Robert Boothby, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food, tendering his resignation, states that his decision was not dictated by the findings of the Select Committee.

He adds, "I have felt for some time that it would be my duty to resign even if the Committee exonerated me, for I considered that the way in which the case was prepared and presented is without parallel or precedent in Parliamentary history."

"My only regret is that the way in which I have been treated prevented my rendering service to a cause for which I have fought as long as you have myself."

"I reserve all further comment on these matters for my constituents and the House of Commons."

"I profoundly deplore this interruption to an association with you which I have deeply and sincerely valued."

NO BLITZ OVER BRITAIN

LONDON, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—There has been considerable enemy air activity over the eastern part of England during daylight to-day, but no important attack developed.

It is officially stated that a few bombs fell in the outskirts of London and points in the home and eastern counties.

Some damage was done to houses but very few casualties were reported.

Housewives Fight Fires
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 21 (UP).—The third daylight warnings which lasted over an hour were sounded soon after the all clear of the second alarm and lasted an hour.

Flames were heard flying low but could not be seen on account of the clouds.

During the second alarm a raider dropped a considerable number of fire bombs on the outskirts of a town near London. This is a very rare occurrence during a daylight raid. Women put aside their household tasks, manned buckets of sand, spades, shovels, and stirrup pumps and doused the incendiary bombs within a few minutes, and then returned to their kitchens.

Antonescu's Troops & Iron Guards Clash

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a Bucharest despatch to the German News Agency.

Attempted Assassination
LONDON, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—An attempt on the life of Colonel Oreschany, described as the Director General of the Rumanian railways, was made in Bucharest to-day according to the official German News Agency.

The assassins entered Oreschany's office and fired several shots, wounding him, but further details of the crime are not yet available.

Assassin Executed
BERLIN, Jan. 21 (UP).—German sources stated that a foreign assassin of a German officer in Bucharest was executed this morning following a court martial. They said the officer's name was Major Doering.

The assassin is alleged to have entered Rumania by using a Turkish passport. Following the slaying, General Antonescu ordered the arrest of prominent Greeks in Bucharest.

Approaching Anarchy
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BELGRADE, Jan. 21 (UP).—It is reliably reported that conditions approaching "anarchy" prevail in many places in Rumania.

Iron Guards Take Radio
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BUDAPEST, Jan. 21 (UP).—The "Magyar Nemzet" reported from Bucharest and Belgrade that the Iron Guards have captured the Rumanian radio station and have broadcast a manifesto appealing to the Rumanian Army to "refrain from firing on your brothers."

Deadline For Peace
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BUCHAREST, Jan. 21 (UP).—General Antonescu issued a statement to-day fixing a 24 hour deadline for the "re-establishment of peace and order" after the crucial events of the day.

"This dispatch was the first communication from Bucharest since 8.30 p.m. on Monday when all telephone communications between the Rumanian capital and other points were cut off, according to 'United Press' at Zurich."

Tanks Used In Street
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BUDAPEST, Jan. 21 (UP).—Diplomatic reports from Bucharest say that Rumanian troops advanced behind two tanks and battled with the Iron Guards and barricaded themselves in police headquarters, upholding General Antonescu's order for removing all Iron Guardists from the police.

The Iron Guards summoned 500 armed colleagues, converged on police headquarters and attacked the tanks with pick axes. The tanks fired on them killing two.

Students learned from Bucharest that General Antonescu has removed the Chief of Police of Bucharest, Alexechea Legionarie replacing him by General Leovianu of the Rumanian Army.

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